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NOTE AND COMMENT

Mr. J. Bruce Walker, who succeeded Mr. Preston as superintendent of Canadian Immigration work in Great Britain, recently made this statement:

"I disapprove strongly of the efforts to paint Canada as a 'land flowing with milk and honey,' or a place providing an easy existence for those who are readily tired of work. I have endeavored every where to impress and have asked our agents to impress upon steamship booking agents that the story of Canada and her attractions should be a plain unvarnished tale, and that, in a word, the men whom we want above all others, are the men of ambition and healthy condition, the men of muscle who are willing to hustle."

If Mr. Walker succeeds in having this policy adhered to he will do the country a genuine service. There is no question that in their anxiety to obtain results, our immigration agents have over and over again painted too glowing a picture of conditions in the Dominion. Men and women came out, as a result, with altogether false notions of what was awaiting them. Many of them should under no circumstances have come at all. Others, who in time made first class Canadian citizens, passed through long periods of dissatisfaction and disappointment, which there was no necessity for. The best immigration agent is the man who sticks most closely to the truth. No fake proposition is being offered but the over-anxiety of some of our emissaries naturally leads many of the people of the older lands to conclude that such is the case.

Those who are familiar with American politics know the part that the primaries play. Are we to have a reproduction of them on this side of the border? Recent experiences tend to give an affirmative answer. In both Victoria and Red Deer constituencies there were close contests for the Liberal nominations. From what has appeared in the local papers, it is evident that the friends of the different candidates had an elaborate organization for the capturing of the delegations from the various sub-divisions and pursued a campaign, which was in some respects quite as heated as if the constituency were actually making its selection of a member. The Red Deer Advocate goes so far as to publish the votes received by the Smith and Moore tickets in that town.

In very few constituencies throughout the Dominion is the system so highly developed as in those referred to. In most cases the representative members of the party are sent from a sub-division and they are free to vote as they please when it comes to selecting a candidate. But it must not be supposed that it is only in the west that the American method is being imitated. Prior to that critical bye-election in North Oxford, Ontario, where the issue was the western school question, the plan followed was the same as in Victoria and Red Deer. A half hour after the Liberal primaries closed it was known to a single vote how Woodcock would go at the next day's convention and before the latter assembled, the exact majority that the nominee would have could be told almost to a certainty.

The situation thus created is one worth while giving attention to. It means that before a member is elected, he has to go through two elections. In that which finally gives him his seat, he and his opponent have the protection of the law. Public officials conduct proceedings and there are election laws ensuring fair play. There is none of this in connection with the first contest and the way is open for all kinds of crooked work. Some of the American States have gone so far as to give

legal recognition to the primaries and to subject them to State supervision. We could not do this in a British country, without violating constitutional practice. The latter recognizes no parties. But to supervise the primaries, it would be necessary for the State to take cognizance of the fact that a man was a Liberal or a Conservative.

In connection with the contest for the Red Deer nomination, another interesting discussion arises. The friends of one of the defeated candidates claimed that undue influence had been used by officers of the central Liberal Association to secure the nomination for Dr. Clark. It was strongly denied that this was the case, the statements thus made were accepted and the nomination became unanimous. But suppose an effort were made from a party's headquarters to secure the nomination of a man, whose services the party's leaders felt need of, should it be considered an offence, so long as the interference consisted merely in having the wishes of the leaders conveyed to the rank and file? There would be the usual talk of "machine rule," but looking at the matter from an unprejudiced, common-sense standpoint, it is not likely that in many cases the interests of the party and of the public at large would be served by such a course?

Comparison is often made at Ottawa between the representatives of Ontario and Quebec. The fact that the latter are on a whole a brainier lot of public men cannot escape the notice of the most casual observer. It does not mean that the people of the one province are less intelligent than the other, but that the circumstances which surround the entrance of the two sets of parliamentarians to public life is very different. In Ontario, a nomination almost invariably is made without suggestion from outside the constituency and goes to some one who stands well locally but whose fitness for the larger stage on which he is being thrust is seldom considered when the selection is made. The party leaders usually recognize this fact but they dare not so much as make a suggestion as to their wishes for fear of causing animosity in the ranks.

In Quebec on the other hand, a young man no sooner shows unusual political ability than those in authority in his party begin to exert themselves to secure his advancement. Their recommendations to their followers in a vacant constituency they make without attempt at concealment and their advice is received in the same open spirit as it is given in. The system is largely the same in England. It has brought many of the Old Land's ablest public men to the front.

The result in Canada is that while in Quebec, when a public man steps down, it is an easy matter to find a successor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has never had any difficulty in securing lieutenants of ability, while in Ontario the death is so appalling as to be a matter of the gravest public concern. To fill the last two Ontario vacancies in his cabinet the Premier had to go outside the House of Commons. Only mediocrities or irresponsibles were available there. Mr. Graham he took from the Provincial House, while Mr. Ayleworth's first political experience has been at Ottawa.

Now the question for us in the West is: "Do we want the Ontario method here?" It has been largely followed up to the present and can anyone say who knows the class of representatives it is producing, that it is justified in this part of the Dominion any more than it is in Ontario, by its results?

The citizens of Edmonton will be called upon on Dec. 30 to express an opinion regarding the agreement entered into by the council with the C.P.R. for the entrance of that railway into the city. The duty thus before them is not easily discharged. Those who seek to perform it conscientiously must recognize what an

Our Christmas Greeting

IN ACROSTIC

Compiled for this issue by
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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

—St. Luke's Gospel.

Music, heavenly rare, mine ears doth greet, You gentle flocks, listen, O listen, now; voices most divine make blissful harmony!

—Edmund Bolton.

Every thought be of His name, on Christmas day in the morning, who bore for us both grief and shame, afflictions sharpest seeming!

—Carol of the Kings of Cologne.

Ringing, singing on its way the world revolves from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth good will to men!

—Longfellow.

Rest you well good Christian men, nor nor be of heart forlorn; December's darkness brings again the light of Christmas morn.

—Norval Clyde.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long—O, hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels' song.

—Edmund Hamilton Sears.

Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn wherein the Saviour of the world was born.

—John Byron.

Hearken to the song, "Glory to Glory's King, and peace all men among," these choristers do sing.

—Edmund Bolton.

Rich and poor feel love and blessing from the gracious season fall, joy and plenty in the cottage, peace and feasting in the hall.

—Adelaide Procter.

I too must sing, with joyful tongue, that sweetest ancient cradle song, "Glory to God in highest heaven."

—Old Hymn.

Some say that ever 'gainst that Season comes wherein the Saviour's birth is celebrated, the bird of dawning singeth all night long.

—Shakespeare.

The nights are wholesome, no Planets strike, no Fairy talks, nor Witch hath power to charm,—so hallowed and so gracious is the time.

—Shakespeare.

Mark my footsteps, good my page, tread thou in them, boldly; thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly.

—John Keats.

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good-will henceforth from heaven to men, begin and never cease!

—Nathan Tate.

Shepherds at the grange sang Christmas carols until morn—let us by the fire over higher sing them, till the night expire!

—Longfellow.

For lo! the days are hastening on when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling.

—Edmund Hamilton Sears.

Ring out wild bells to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light; the year is dying in the night, ring out, wild bells, and let them die!

—Tennyson.

On Christmas eve the bells were rung; the daisies donned the kirtle green; the hall was dressed with holly green; forth to the wood did merry men go to gather in the mistletoe.

—Sir Walter Scott.

Mother and sire and child, young man and maiden mild, come gather here; take heart; uncloud your faces, and join in your embraces under the Holly Bough.

—Charles Mackay.

Then be ye glad, good people, this night of all the year, and light ye up your candles, for His star it shineth clear.

—Old Carol.

Happy night at Bethlehem; soft little hands are feeling in the manger with the kine; lo, all the wistful air, and earth, and sky listen to the gladness of the baby cry.

—Edward Thring.

Even then arose a joyous clamor from the wild fowl on the mere, and a voice within cried, "Listen! Christmas carols even here!"

—Charles Kingsley.

Every one's life is a music, if one touches the notes brightly and in time—but there must be no hurry.

—John Ruskin.

Dead bye-gones shall be by-gones, and a new page turned for you to write your lives in.

—Charles Dickens.

May the grace of Heaven, before, behind thee, and on every hand, enshew thee round.

—Shakespeare.

O to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place; and with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace.

—Old Ballad.

Now peal the bells more loud and sweet, "The Wrong shall fall, the Right prevail, with peace on earth, good-will to men!"

—Longfellow.

Then hear along the street pass the minstrel throngs; hark! they play so sweet, on their hautboys, Christmas songs.

—Longfellow.

O Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing, ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

—John Keats.

Now, it is enough just to be good, to smile back in God's face with the glad lips our mothers used to kiss.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Now draws near the birth of Christ; the moon is hid; the night is still; the Christmas bells from hill to hill answer each other in the mist.

—Tennyson.

Ever down the ages hoary legends the song of glory, Peace and God's good will! Others echo the day.

—Havergal.

Welcome, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days!

—Charles Dickens.

So, let us honor, O my brothers, Christmas Day! Call a truce then to our labors—let us feast with friends and neighbors and be merry as is the custom of our caste.

—Rudyard Kipling.

important effect upon the future of the city their decision will have. The average citizen is undoubtedly anxious to have the C.P.R. come in to Edmonton. He realizes what a boon to the city a general traffic deck on a high level bridge would be and what an excellent opportunity is now afforded to secure this and at the same time save the enormous cost of a separate structure, by co-operating with the railway. Further than this, he desires to avoid having the value of important city thoroughfares destroyed by reason of the railway entrance.

The agreement, as it stands, meets his wishes in these three respects. The railway will come in, it will allow the construction of a traffic deck on the high level bridge and it will avoid crossing on the level Jasper Avenue and the streets between that street and the river. But when will all this be brought about?

"We want the railway and the bridge right off" says one man, "and I cannot see why there should be so much dickering about the agreement. Get it signed and let the work begin. Think how it would help to keep things up in the city this winter."

The idea of the citizen quoted is all right. But what guarantee does the agreement give that work will be rushed along either this or next or the winter after? The seventeenth clause says that work will "commence" on the bridge "without delay." But as experience has shown time and time, a company may "commence" work, without doing anything of value. All it has to do is to put a half dozen men out tearing up sod for half-an-hour to live up to this part of the agreement. Once the latter is signed, it may suit the purposes of the company to leave matters as they stand for a lengthy period. A more definite guarantee should certainly be insisted upon.

Again, suppose the railway and the bridge are built on the conditions of the agreement at an early date, are the obligations being incurred by the city in keeping with the advantages which it is obtaining? The provisions regarding the subway on Jasper Avenue have been the principal stumbling-block. The company pays the cost of construction and the city becomes responsible for all resulting property damage. The former knows what outlay it will have to make, the latter does not. Various proposals have been advanced to relieve the city from the possibility of having to pay large sums through the carrying out of this part of the bargain; but they have come to nothing. Negotiations were on foot last summer with a view to having the city secure the property which would be affected. This, it was thought, could be disposed of, after the railway had gone through, to such advantage that no loss would occur. In case the C.P.R. should place its depot near by, there would be a very considerable gain. But for some reasons in regard to which the public has been but slightly informed, it was impossible to close with the property owners. The latter are now blamed for the failure of the scheme. "We tried to protect them" the municipal negotiators say in effect "but they would not be reasonable and we have no alternative but to proceed on the basis of the tentative agreement."

But how does this relieve the city? The fact that an attempt was made to close with the property owners can hardly be expected to mitigate the damages which they will claim from the city after the subway is constructed.

The Saturday News has approved from the first of the council's course in endeavoring to come to terms with the company, without appealing to the railway commission. It considered the construction of a subway on Jasper Avenue very desirable and from the information that was given regarding the practice of the body in question, there seemed little likelihood that this could be obtained by appeal to it. But rather than leave the city open to pay the very heavy damages that are likely to result if the agreement carries with this clause, it would be much preferable to place the matter in the hands of the commission. Within the last month the latter met at Toronto to consider an important crossing problem. Speaking in the name of the Board, Chief Commissioner Killam made a statement regarding the policy to be adopted in the future, which leads one to believe that in these matters the railways will be forced to do much more for the protection of the public than they have in the past.

On Tuesday evening, the council as a body proceeded to criticize the Bulletin in severe terms for its references to the question. The Saturday News does not agree with much that the Bulletin had to say but it cannot see why the councillors should have used the vehement language that they did. The agreement requires discussion between this and polling day and it would have been quite sufficient to have pointed out in what respects the Bulletin was in error. The clauses relating to Athabasca and Peace Avenues have been the principal source of contention between the city fathers and our daily contemporary.

"The city has no right to Athabasca and Peace avenues" Ald. Manson is reported as saying "and is not giving away anything." This is exactly the C.P.R.'s contention, which is set forth in the second clause of the preamble. But it is rather strange that Ald. Manson should admit that the company's claim is sound, for after stating what this claim is, the clause in question concludes "but the corporation (the city of Edmonton) contends otherwise."

Further than this, in the last clause of the agreement it is stated that "nothing hereinbefore contained" is to stand in the way of the city's setting up a claim to continue these streets over the tracks by overhead bridges.

The Bulletin lays emphasis on clause 2 by which these streets are closed up. But this has no particular significance. No one would want a level crossing over the tracks at this point, and if the right to seek overhead communication when traffic requires it is not surrendered, how does the city in any way suffer?

Ald. Manson made the statement that "the entrance of the C.P.R. to the city is not costing the city a red cent, so far as the city is concerned."

This is strictly correct. The Bulletin at the length of a column or so asks what about the \$275,000 for the traffic deck and the damages that the city will have to stand in connection with the subway. These are not expenditures made to secure the C.P.R. entrance but to secure certain incidental advantages.

As to the bridges over Haristead, Mackay and Victoria avenues, the Bulletin states that the railway act provides that a railway in running its tracks below the street level must carry the street over the tracks by means of a bridge, which it must maintain. It therefore doesn't see why the city should maintain the bridges. Such an argument is foolish in the extreme. The C.P.R. tracks are in this case being placed below the street level for the protection of the public. But for the agreement, they would in all likelihood cross these streets on the level.

As to the cost of the general traffic deck, it is stated that that on the bridge at Fort Saskatchewan cost but \$47,000, while for this one \$275,000 will have to be raised. This (Continued on page 4)

good to remember that there was much too that serves to keep the memory of Dawson and the early dangers of the Yukon green and fragrant in the hearts of the men and women who knew them.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Those desiring a delineation of their character from their handwriting should write a letter of at least one hundred words in length and sign a name de plan to it. Lined paper should be in no case be used. An effort should be made to discuss some subject of interest. The coupon attached below should be clipped and enclosed and the letter addressed to "Peggy," care of the Saturday News.

Correspondence Coupon

"Chimpanzee" writes to complain that I am very chary in my praise of musical and dramatic performances in Edmonton. Little Chimu, what would you like? Another journalistic enthusiast who raves indiscriminately of the perfections of "The Merchant of Venice," as recently presented, and a genuinely rattling good local concert. Such praise, monkey mine, isn't worth the paper it's written on. Are you so unwisely biased that you would have me insinuate, misleading the public until all words of mine would be at once discredited. Seriously I couldn't afford it, however kindly I may be disposed to all turn-of-minds in general. Dramatic and musical criticism to be of any value must first be honest, and I have as much right to endeavor to lure people to a poor performance as you would have to obtain mine under any false pretense. It isn't a case where any personal feeling or sympathy as any right to intrude, the very word "criticism" implies, or should imply, calm, dispassionate judgment. Be fair, then, my little Chimpanzee, and give The Saturday News credit where it is due—in endeavoring to be, not the knacker, you would point it, but the guardian of the public's interests.

"Absent Minded Youth," who forgot to sign a name to his interesting communication regarding blankets and mixed evening dress—what should you wear to the tea?—the blanket for preference which would give me the opportunity of describing you as wearing a "striking" and even "stunning" costume. As to a character—why of course you have one—a deal too much of a one at times I don't doubt. Seriously it's a remarkably clever, brainy, hand-brilliant, to a certain degree, logical, impatient of people but persevering, alternately prodigal and careful; quick to seize a point and size up both people and situation. Obstinate, a bit selfish, quick-tempered, impulsive, sensitive, proud, tenacious, probably fond of the luxuries and refinements of life. Apt to be cutting in speech and not too merciful when aroused. Nervous, highly strung, strong will and mentality, a certain fascination, functional, more apt to worry over the little things than those of more account. Moody at times, and doubtless given to a hard time, the might and it would do anything, but strangely weak in some particular. I think the root of it all is the grasping what it wants to the exclusion of how the doing so will affect the other fellow.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and cry
A Stand-By!

That the hearts of an unusually wide circle of friends were saddened and shocked, when the news of Mrs. Mercer's death reached Edmonton on Monday, goes without saying. Everything, the holiday season, her own high hopes, the everything would be all right, the operation once over, the terrible loss to her family and the suddenness of it all, make it an impressively sad and solemn occurrence. There is nothing to be said that can mitigate the blow one atom and all that loving and sorrowful hearts can do is to offer the most heartfelt sympathy to the so sorely bereaved husband and children.

The announcement of Mrs. Mercer's death effectually cast a damper on all the social distractions of the earlier part of the week.

Mrs. Bower Campbell who was to have entertained at Bridge on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. McMurrich, cancelled the entertainment, as did also the regular Bridge Club, of which Mrs. Mercer was a member, while a great many small events that were being planned were at once relinquished.

Word has been received in the city that Mr. Jaffray, the former accountant in the Imperial Bank in Edmonton, has been appointed manager of the bank in Revelstoke.

Mrs. Dobell entertained at the tea hour on Friday.

Mrs. McMurrich left on Friday morning for her home in Toronto.

A large and fashionable audience attended the All Saints' secular concert on Tuesday evening and listened to a splendid programme of part songs and solos. Quite candidly, the amateur concert is not always the treat it is intended to be, but that of Tuesday proved one of those delightful exceptions. It is one's good fortune to meet with from time to time. The chorus was beautifully balanced and sang with much expression and evidence of careful training, while the solos were delightfully rendered. Mr. Barford in his piano solo number received nothing short of an ovation, and indeed I never heard him do himself so proud. From start to finish the programme was a credit to him as a conductor and to those who so ably assisted him.

Mr. Blomfield who has been such a popular official in the Dominion Bank for a year past, and who is probably one of the best all round sports in Canada was notified early in the week to report for duty in Winnipeg on Wednesday.

Mrs. Turnbull entertained at a young people's dance on Friday evening.

Each night during the past week larger and more representative audiences have assembled to hear the Fanning Howard Co. in a varied repertoire of plays, and each night people have gone away better satisfied to tell others what a good thing they were missing by not attending. It is no idle praise to say that the company are the finest aggregation of actors seen here, bar Mrs. Fiske's Co., of course, in two years. The scenery and stage setting are really surprisingly good, and taken on any score the company can afford to hold up their heads with the best the West is likely to furnish us for a very long time to come. It is a foregone conclusion that their Edmonton engagement will be a profitable one from every standpoint. But actors and management deserve your loyal support.

On Tuesday evening the third of the series of classical concerts will take place in the Separate School auditorium on Third street when it is to be earnestly hoped a large audience will be present to encourage this very laudable enterprise. I believe that Mr. Darimont plays three or four violin solos, and those who have heard him on former occasions speak most appreciatively of the great talent he gives evidence of.

Mrs. Bulyea will receive as usual next Thursday afternoon at Government House.

On Wednesday afternoon a large number of callers found their way to the Misses Porter's apartment house on 7th street where Mr. and Mrs. Porter are residing in pension, and the bride of this genial member held her reception in her pretty cosy sitting room. Many friends of her husband and a host of people anxious to meet her herself, called and had a pleasant fifteen minutes, over a delicious cup of tea, surely the open sesame to all friendship and sociability.

"Mr. Bob," the play to be put on by Beaver House Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, will be presented on Jan. 20 and 21.

Toronto Saturday Night says: "The engagement is announced of Miss Florence Mabey, of Hampton, N.B., daughter of the late Capt. J. Gillis Mabey, and Charles H. Smith, of the Northern bank, Edmonton, Alta., formerly of the Bank of Commerce, Toronto, and son of the late George H. Smith, barrister. The marriage will take place in Calgary, December 19." During his short residence in the city, Mr. Smith has made many warm friends, who will wish him the greatest happiness.

The Lethbridge Herald says: "Major Belcher and family left for Edmonton this week, where they will in future reside. No more popular family has resided in Lethbridge, and their departure is the occasion for much regret. Major Belcher is one of the best known officers of the Mounted Police. He enlisted 1873 and has been in service ever since. He served in the Yukon, took part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and was second in command of the Strathcona Hussars in South Africa. He was given the C.M.G. for distinguished service in that war. These welcome newcomers to our midst have been at the King Edward for a week or so past, and have moved to 1135 McKay Avenue.

The Fort Saskatchewan Reporter says: "Mr. S. A. Dickson and his sister Miss Rae, left on Monday night last for Hamilton, Ontario,

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and other points in the east. It is rumored that Mr. Dickson will be accompanied back to the Port with an Eastern bride.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Engel have returned from a lengthy visit to the Old Country.

Mrs. Harry J. Sullivan will not receive until after the New Year.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Guy Marriot, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Strathcona, to Miss Rant, of Vancouver, a nurse in training at the Strathcona Hospital.

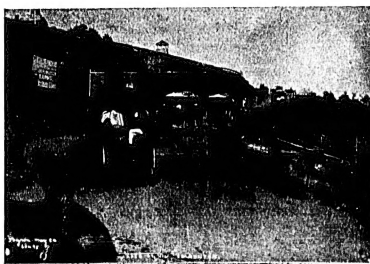
Peggy

Bishop Legal will bless the new bell at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Sparling of Winnipeg preached educational sermons at Grace and McDougall churches last Sunday. Rev. Dean Paget of Calgary preached at All Saints' in the evening.

John Galvin, district vice president of the United Mine Workers, has been in Edmonton during the week, endeavoring to secure the signing of the contracts between the operators and miners.

A. Gordon Reid, lately with Nicholson and Bain, has been appointed Edmonton agent for Armour and Company of Chicago. The president of the Strathcona Radial Railway Co., Mr. Walter, is busy securing ties for the line up the river.



UP THE HILL TO EDMONTON

One of the views illustrating "A Woman in the West" now on sale at the Saturday News office and at the bookstores. The booklet has met with a most favorable reception. All who have seen it are unanimous in declaring that from a literary and typographical standpoint, it is a credit to Edmonton and Alberta. As a Christmas reminder to friends at a distance, nothing could better serve the purpose. It is being sold at twenty-five cents a copy. As the edition is becoming rapidly exhausted, no one desiring to secure the booklet should delay in doing so.

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| 2. Aria in D. (S. Bach)..... Strings | 2. Celebrated Minuet..... Strings |
| 3. Daffodils (Ed. German)..... Mr. T. P. Kelly | 3. a. Ich Grolle Nicht (H. Schumann) b. The Asra (Rubenstein)..... Songs: |
| 4. Concerto XII Larghetto..... Strings | 4. Fairy Tales (R. Schumann)..... Mrs. T. E. Gagner |
| 5. Concert (op. 64) Andante (Mendelssohn)..... Violin Solo: Mr. C. H. Lagourgue | 5. Ballad and Polonaise (Vieuxtemps)..... V. Barford |
| 6. Symphony VI (Minuet) (Mozart)..... Orchestra | 6. March Op. 45 (Beethoven)..... Violin Solo: Mr. F. Darimont |

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If Mr. Walker's policy adheres to this policy, it is a genuine country a genuine country is no question that to obtain results, agents have over-painted too glowing conditions in the and women came with altogether from was awaiting the should under no come at all. Old made first class passed through to satisfaction and which there was The best immigrant man who sticks to truth. No fake offered but the some of our en leads many of the older lands to be the case.

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Correspondence Coupon

"Chimpanzee" writes to complain that I am very chary in my praise of musical and dramatic performances in Edmonton. Little Chim, what would you like? Another journalistic enthusiast who raves indiscriminately of the perfections of "The Merchant of Venice," as recently presented, and a genuinely rattling good local concert. Such praise, monkey mine, isn't worth the paper it's written on. Are you so unwise as to write me a letter? I am sincerely, misleading the public until all words of mine would be at once discredited. Seriously I couldn't afford it, however kindly I may be disposed to all barn-stormers in general. Dramatic and musical criticism to be of any value must first be honest, and I have as much right to endeavor to lure people to a poor performance as you would have to obtain mine under any false pretense. It isn't a case where any personal feeling or sympathy as any right to intrude, the very word "criticism" implies, or should imply, calm, dispassionate judgment. Be fair, then, my little Chimpanzee, and give The Saturday News credit where it is due—in endeavoring to be, not the knacker, you would paint it, but the guardian of the public's interests.

"Absent Minded Youth," who forgot to sign a name to his interesting communication regarding blankets and mixed evening dress—what should you wear to the tea?—the blanket for preference which would give me the opportunity of describing you as wearing a "striking" and even "stunning" costume. As to a character—why of course you have one—a deal too much of a one at times I don't doubt. Seriously it's a remarkably clever, brainy, hand, brilliant, to a certain degree, logical, impatient of people but persevering, alternately prodigal and careful; quick to seize a point and size up both people and situation. Obstinate, a bit selfish, quick-tempered, impulsive, sensitive, proud, tenacious, probably fond of the luxuries and refinements of life. Apt to be cutting in speech and not too merciful when aroused. Nervous, highly strung, strong will and mentality, a certain fastidiousness, fanciful, more apt to worry over the little things than those of more account. Moody at times, and doubtless given to fads. A hand that might and it would do anything, but strangely weak in some particular. I think the root of it all is the grasping what it wants to the exclusion of how the doing so will affect the other fellow.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con-
A Stander-By!

That the hearts of an unusually wide circle of friends were saddened and shocked, when the news of Mrs. Mercer's death reached Edmonton on Monday, goes without saying. Everything, the holiday season, her own high hopes that everything would be all right, the operation once over, the terrible loss to her family and the suddenness of it all, make it an inexpressible sad and solemn occurrence. There is nothing to be said that can mitigate the blow one atom and all that loving and sorrowful hearts can do is to offer the most heartfelt sympathy to the so sorely bereaved husband and children.

The announcement of Mrs. Mercer's death effectively cast a damper on all the social distractions of the earlier part of the week.

Mrs. Bower Campbell who was to have entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. McMurrich, cancelled the entertainment, as did also the regular Bridge Club, of which Mrs. Mercer was a member, while a great many small events that were being planned were at once relinquished.

Word has been received in the city that Mr. Jaffray, the former accountant in the Imperial Bank in Edmonton, has been appointed manager of the bank in Revelstoke.

Mrs. Dobell entertained at the tea hour on Friday.

Mrs. McMurrich left on Friday morning for her home in Toronto.

A large and fashionable audience attended the All Saints' secular concert on Tuesday evening and listened to a splendid programme of part songs and solos. Quite candidly, the amateur concert is not always the treat it is intended to be, but that of Tuesday proved one of these delightful exceptions. It is one's good fortune to meet with from time to time. The chorus was beautifully balanced and sang with much expression and evidence of careful training while the solos were delightfully rendered. Mr. Barford in his piano solo number received nothing out of an ovation, and indeed I never heard him do himself so proud. From start to finish the programme was a credit to him as a conductor and to those who so ably assisted him.

Mr. Blomfield who has been such a popular official in the Dominion Bank for a year past, and who is probably one of the best all round sports in Canada was notified early in the week to report for duty in Winnipeg on Wednesday.

Mrs. Turnbull entertained at a young people's dance on Friday evening.

Each night during the past week larger and more representative audiences have assembled to hear the Fanning Howard Co. in a varied repertoire of plays, and each night people have gone away better satisfied to tell others what a good thing they were missing by not attending. It is no idle praise to say that the company are the finest aggregation of actors seen here, bar Mrs. Piske's Co., of course, in two years. The scenery and stage setting are really surprisingly good, and taken on any score the company can afford to hold up their heads with the best the West is likely to furnish us for a very long time to come. It is a foregone conclusion that their Edmonton engagement will be a profitable one from every standpoint. Both actors and management deserve your loyal support.

On Tuesday evening the third of the series of classical concerts will take place in the Separate School auditorium on Third street when it is to be earnestly hoped a large audience will be present to encourage this very laudable enterprise. I believe that Mr. Darimont plays three or four violin solos, and those who have heard him on former occasions speak most appreciatively of the great talent he gives evidence of.

Mrs. Bulyea will receive as usual next Thursday afternoon at Government House.

On Wednesday afternoon a large number of callers found their way to the Misses Porter's apartment house on 7th street where Mr. and Mrs. Pichevich Bredin are on pension. The bride of this genial member held her reception in her pretty cosy sitting room. Many friends of her husband and a host of people anxious to meet her herself, called and had a pleasant fifteen minutes, over a delicious cup of tea, surely the open sesame to all friendship and sociability.

"Mr. Bob," the play to be put on by Beaver House Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, will be presented on Jan. 20 and 21.

Toronto Saturday Night says: "The engagement is announced of Miss Florence Mabee, of Hampton, N.B., daughter of the late Capt. J. Gillis Mabee, and Charles H. Smith, of the Northern bank, Edmonton, Alta., formerly of the Bank of Commerce, Toronto, and son of the late George H. Smith, barrister. The marriage will take place in Calgary, December 19." During his short residence in the city Mr. Smith has made many warm friends, who will wish him the greatest happiness.

The Lethbridge Herald says: "Major Belcher and family left for Edmonton this week, where they will in future reside. No more popular family has resided in Lethbridge, and their departure is the occasion for much regret. Major Belcher is one of the best known officers of the Mounted Police. He enlisted in 1873 and has been in the service ever since. He served in the Yukon, took part in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and was second in command of the Strathcona Horse in South Africa. He was given the C.M.G. for distinguished service in that war. These welcome newcomers to our midst have been at the King Edward for a week or so past, and have moved to 1155 McKay Avenue.

The Fort Saskatchewan Reporter says: "Mr. S. A. Dickson and his sister Miss Rae left on Monday night last for Hamilton, Ontario,

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and other points in the east. It is rumored that Mr. Dickson will be accompanied back to the Fort with an Eastern bride."

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Engel have returned from a lengthy visit to the Old Country.

Mrs. Harry J. Sullivan will not receive until after the New Year.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Guy Marriott, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Strathcona, to Miss Tant, of Vancouver, a nurse in training at the Strathcona Hospital.

Peggy

Bishop Legal will bless the new bell at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Sparling of Winnipeg preached educational sermons at Grace and McDougall churches last Sunday. Rev. Dean Paget of Calgary preached at All Saints' in the evening.

John Galvin, district vice president of the United Mine Workers, has been in Edmonton during the week, endeavoring to secure the signing of the contracts between the operators and miners.

A. Gordon Reid, lately with Nicholson and Bain, has been appointed Edmonton agent for Armour and Company, of Chicago. The president of the Strathcona Radial Railway Co., Mr. Walter, is busy securing ties for the line up the river.



UP THE HILL TO EDMONTON

One of the views illustrating "A Woman in the West" now on sale at the Saturday News office and at the bookstores. The booklet has met with a most favorable reception. All who have seen it are unanimous in declaring that from a literary and typographical standpoint, it is a credit to Edmonton and Alberta. As a Christmas reminder to friends at a distance, nothing could better serve the purpose. It is being sold at twenty-five cents, a copy. As the edition is becoming rapidly exhausted, no one desiring to secure the booklet should delay in doing so.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

Mr. J. Bruce Walker, who succeeded Mr. Preston as superintendent of Canadian Immigration work in Great Britain, recently made this statement:

"I disapprove strongly of the efforts to paint Canada as a 'land flowing with milk and honey,' or a place providing an easy existence for those who are readily tired of work. I have endeavored every where to impress and have asked our agents to impress upon steamship booking agents that the story of Canada and her attractions should be a plain unvarnished tale, and that, in a word, the men whom we want above all others, are the men of ambition and healthy condition, the men of muscle who are willing to hustle."

If Mr. Walker succeeds in having this policy adhere to he will do the country a genuine service. There is no question that in their anxiety to obtain results, our immigration agents have over and over again painted too glowing a picture of conditions in the Dominion. Men and women came out, as a result, with altogether false notions of what was awaiting them. Many of them should under no circumstances have come at all. Others, who in time made first class Canadian citizens, passed through long periods of dissatisfaction and disappointment, which there was no necessity for. The best immigration agent is the man who sticks most closely to the truth. No fake proposition is being offered but the over-anxiety of some of our emissaries naturally leads many of the people of the older lands to conclude that such is the case.

Those who are familiar with American politics know the part that the primaries play. Are we to have a reproduction of them on this side of the border? Recent experiences tend to give an affirmative answer. In both Victoria and Red Deer constituencies there were close contests for the Liberal nominations. From what has appeared in the local papers, it is evident that the friends of the different candidates had an elaborate organization for the capturing of the delegations from the various sub-divisions and pursued a campaign, which was in some respects quite as heated as if the constituency were actually making its selection of a member. The Red Deer Advocate goes so far as to publish the votes received by the Smith and Moore tickets in that town.

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Comparison is often made at Ottawa between the representatives of Ontario and Quebec. The fact that the latter are on a whole a brainier lot of public men cannot escape the notice of the most casual observer. It does not mean that the people of the one province are less intelligent than the other, but that the circumstances which surround the entrance of the two sets of parliamentarians to public life is very different. In Ontario, a nomination almost invariably is made without suggestion from outside the constituency and goes to some one who stands well locally but whose fitness for the larger stage on which he is being thrust is seldom considered when the selection is made. The party leaders usually recognize this fact but they dare not so much as make a suggestion as to their wishes for fear of causing animosity in the ranks.

In Quebec on the other hand, a young man no sooner shows unusual political ability than those in authority in his party begin to exert themselves to secure his advancement. Their recommendations to their followers in a vacant constituency they make without attempt at concealment and their advice is received in the same open spirit as it is given in. The system is largely the same in England. It has brought many of the Old Land's ablest public men to the front.

The result in Canada is that while in Quebec, when a public man steps down, it is an easy matter to find a successor, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has never had any difficulty in securing lieutenants of ability, while in Ontario the dearth is so appalling as to be a matter of the gravest public concern. To fill the last two Ontario vacancies in his cabinet the Premier had to go outside the House of Commons. Only mediocrities or irresponsibles were available there. Mr. Graham he took from the Provincial House, while Mr. Ayleworth's first political experience has been at Ottawa.

Now the question for us in the West is: "Do we want the Ontario method here?" It has been largely followed up to the present and can anyone say who knows the class of representatives it is producing, that it is justified in this part of the Dominion any more than it is in Ontario, by its results?

The citizens of Edmonton will be called upon on Dec. 30 to express an opinion regarding the agreement entered into by the council with the C.P.R. for the entrance of that railway into the city. The duty thus before them is not easily discharged. Those who seek to perform it conscientiously must recognize what an

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Rest you well good Christian men, nor nor be of heart forlorn; December's darkness brings again the light of Christmas morn.

—Norval Clyne.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long—O, hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels' song.

—Edmund Hamilton Sears.

Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn whereon the Saviour of the world was born.

—John Byron.

Hearken to the song, "Glory to Glory's King, and peace all men among," these choristers do sing.

—Edmund Bolton.

Rich and poor feel love and blessing from the gracious season fall, joy and plenty in the cottage, peace and feasting in the hall.

—Adelaide Proctor.

I too must sing, with joyful tongue, that sweetest ancient carol song, "Glory to God in highest heaven!"

—Old Hymn.

Some say that ever 'gainst that Season wherein the Saviour's birth is celebrated, the bird of dawning singeth all night long.

—Shakespeare.

The nights are wholesome, no Planets strike, no Fairy talks, nor Witch hath power to charm,—so hallowed and so gracious is the time.

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Mark my footsteps, good my page, tread thou in them, boldly; thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thee bloodless coldly.

—John Neal.

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good-will henceforth from heaven to men, begin and never cease!

—Nahum Tate.

Shepherds at the grange sang Christmas carols until morn—let us by the fire ever higher sing them, till the night expire!

—Longfellow.

For lo! the days are hastening on when peace shall cover all the earth its ancient splendours bring.

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Ring out wild bells to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light; the year is dying in the night, ring out, wild bells, and let them die.

—Tennyson.

On Christmas eve the bells were rung; the damsel doimed the kirtle sheen; the hall was dressed with holly green; forth to the wood did merry men go to gather in the mistletoe.

—Sir Walter Scott.

Mother and sire and child, young man and maiden mild, come gather here; take heart; unclasp your faces, and join in your embraces under the Holly Bough.

—Charles Mackay.

Then be ye glad, good people, this night of all the year, and light ye up your candles, for His star it shineth clear.

—Old Carol.

Happy night at Bethlehem; soft little hands are feeling in the manger with the kine; lo, all the wistful air, and earth, and sky listen to the gladness of the baby cry.

—Edward Thring.

Even then arose a joyous clamor from the wild fowl on the mere, and a voice within cried, "Listen! Christmas carols even here!"

—Charles Kingsley.

Every one's life is a music, if one touches the notes brightly and in time—but there must be no hurry.

—John Ruskin.

Dead bye-gones shall be by-gones, and a new page turned for you to write your lives in.

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The agreement, as it stands, meets his wishes in these three respects. The railway will come in, it will allow the construction of a traffic deck on the high level bridge and it will avoid crossing on the level Jasper Avenue and the streets between that street and the river. But when will all this be brought about?

"We want the railway and the bridge right off," says one man, "and I cannot see why there should be so much dickerings about the agreement. Get it signed and let the work begin. Think how it would help to keep things up in the city this winter."

The idea of the citizen quoted is all right. But what guarantee does the agreement give that work will be rushed along either this or next or the winter after? The seventeenth clause says that work will "commence" on the bridge "without delay." But as experience has shown time and time, a company may "commence" work, without doing anything of value. All it has to do is to put a half dozen men out tearing up and for half-an-hour to live up to this part of the agreement. Once the latter is signed, it may suit the purposes of the company to leave matters as they stand for a lengthy period. A more definite guarantee should certainly be insisted upon.

Again, suppose the railway and the bridge are built on the conditions of the agreement at an early date, are the obligations being incurred by the city in keeping with the advantages which it is obtaining? The provisions regarding the subway on Jasper Avenue have been the principal stumbling-block. The company pays the cost of construction and the city becomes responsible for all resulting property damage. The former knows what outlay it will have to make, the latter does not. Various proposals have been advanced to relieve the city from the possibility of having to pay large sums through the carrying out of this part of the bargain; but they have come to nothing. Negotiations were on foot last summer with a view to having the city secure the property which would be affected. This, it was thought, could be disposed of, after the railway had gone through, to such advantage that no loss would occur. In case the C.P.R. should place its depot near by, there would be a very considerable gain. But for some reasons in regard to which the public has been but slightly informed, it was impossible to close with the property owners. The latter are now blamed for the failure of the scheme. "We tried to protect them" the municipal negotiators say in effect "but they would not be reasonable and we have no alternative but to proceed on the basis of the tentative agreement."

But how does this relieve the city? The fact that an attempt was made to close with the property owners can hardly be expected to mitigate the damages which they will claim from the city after the sub-way is constructed.

The Saturday News has approved from the first of the council's course in endeavoring to come to terms with the company, without appealing to the railway commission. It considered the construction of a sub-way on Jasper avenue very de-

girable and from the information that was given regarding the practice of the body in question, there seemed little likelihood that this could be obtained by appeal to it. But rather than leave the city open to pay the very heavy damages that are likely to result if the agreement carries with this clause, it would be much preferable to place the matter in the hands of the commission. Within the last month the latter met at Toronto to consider an important crossing problem. Speaking in the name of the Board, Chief Commissioner Killam made a statement regarding the policy to be adopted in the future, which leads one to believe that in these matters the railways will be forced to do much more for the protection of the public than they have in the past.

On Tuesday evening, the council as a body proceeded to criticize the Bulletin in severe terms for its references to the question. The Saturday News does not agree with much that the Bulletin had to say but it cannot see why the councillors should have used the vehement language that they did. The agreement requires discussion between this and following day and it would have been quite sufficient to have pointed out in what respects the Bulletin was in error. The clauses relating to Athabasca and Peace avenues have been the principal source of contention between the city fathers and our daily contemporary.

"The city has no right to Athabasca and Peace avenues" Ald. Manson is reported as saying "and is not giving away anything." This is exactly the C.P.R.'s contention, which is set forth in the second clause of the preamble. But it is rather strange that Ald. Manson should admit that the company's claim is sound, for after stating what this claim is, the clause in question concludes "but the corporation (the city of Edmonton) contends otherwise."

Further than this, in the last clause of the agreement it is stated that "nothing hereinbefore contained" is to stand in the way of the city's setting up a claim to continue these streets over the tracks by overhead bridges.

The Bulletin lays emphasis on clause 2 by which these streets are closed up. But this has no particular significance. No one would want a level crossing over the tracks at this point, and if the right to seek overhead communication when traffic requires it is not surrendered, how does the city in any way suffer?

Ald. Manson made the statement that "the entrance of the C.P.R. to the city is not costing the city a red cent, so far as the city is concerned."

This is strictly correct. The Bulletin at the length of a column or so asks what about the \$275,000 for the traffic deck and the damages that the city will have to stand in connection with the subway. These are not expenditures made to secure the C.P.R. entrance but to secure certain incidental advantages.

As to the bridges over Haristady, Mackay and Victoria avenue, the Bulletin states that the railway act provides that a railway in running its tracks below the street level must carry the street over the tracks by means of a bridge, which it must maintain. It therefore doesn't see why the city should maintain the bridges. Such an argument is foolish in the extreme. The C.P.R. tracks are in this case being placed below the street level for the protection of the public. But for the agreement, they would in all likelihood cross these streets on the level.

As to the cost of the general traffic deck, it is stated that on the bridge at Fort Saskatchewan cost but \$47,000, while for this one \$275,000 will have to be raised. This (Continued on page 4)

Music and the Drama

During the past week news has come of the death of one of the splendid figures in the dramatic profession of this continent, Mr. James H. Stoddard. On the 27th and 28th of this month the people of Edmonton will have the privilege of seeing the play in which he secured his greatest triumph "The Bonnie Brier Bush," presented by a company which the best of critics have declared is fully worthy of those whose plays they take.

The two events have thrown the writer into a reminiscent frame of mind and his thoughts have been constantly going back to the happy hours which he spent in the company of Lachlan and Flora Campbell, Posty McKittick, Kate Carnegie, and the rest of Ian Macdonald's immortal creations, whom the playwright's genius has made to live in a sense in which they never did even in the fascinating pages of the novel.

"I had the good fortune to see 'The Bonnie Brier Bush' a half dozen times and on each occasion the more strongly I was impressed by its wonderful strength as a play. The struggles of the stern old Scotch elder, who thought he was doing the will of God in thrusting his only child out of doors and found in the end that he was 'flying full in the face of the Almighty,' those wonderful love passages between Flora and Lord Donald Hay, the never-failing humor of the bumbling Posty, the genuineness of old Doctor McCure, a bachelor, whose children were all the people of the glen, the charm of the folks from the east, how could the memory of it all fail in the slightest degree?"



MISS MAGGIE MCCANN

The Australian Queen of Scottish Song with "The Bonnie Brier Bush"

The play will be given here with the same sumptuous and well-arranged and an excellent acting company, including among its members such artists as J. Palmer Collins who was Mr. Stoddard's personal choice as his successor in the role of Lachlan Campbell; Ward E. Renssler, late leading man for Lewis Morrison, and one of the best known actors in the profession, is winning fresh laurels in the part of "Posty"; Adelaide Matthews, late leading woman in "Arizona," plays "Kate"; Marion Macdonald, a charming and accomplished young actress, will appear as "Flora"; Robert Ireland, who will be remembered as Pine Major with the 48th Highlanders of Toronto, Walter Scott Weeks, late of "Prince of Pilsen" Company; Daniel Jarrett, Jr., late of the E. H. Sothern and Proctor Stock Companies; Ann Caird, is still giving her inimitable performance of "Margot"; Wm. G. Casey, Frederick Beichet, Ethel Harboro, Elizabeth Bennett and many others who have been prominent for years in the best New York casts. The advance sale opens at the box office Tuesday, Dec. 24. Each evening the house should be filled to overflowing.

The Fanning-Howard Company has been playing all week to large audiences and confirming the impression which they made in the first part of their engagement as one of the cleverest and most versatile organizations that are on the road. Mr. Fanning, unfortunately, has been so far from well that he has not been able to appear in the majority of the plays. After his remarkably clever work last week, particularly in "The Private Secre-

tary," his appearances this week were being eagerly looked forward to. He seemed fully the role of "Sherlock Holmes," for instance, but had to give way to Mr. Clarke, who, however, proved an admirable substitute. Mr. Cleveland as Prof. Moriarty showed himself once more a sterling interpreter of old men's roles. To Miss Allyn fell Ellie Shannon's part of Miss Faulkner, while Miss Howard had that of Mrs. Larrabee. In neither case was the work as ambitious as they have been assigned to in other plays but each won new golden opinions for herself. Miss Howard deserves to travel far in her profession. Amid the varied tasks, which they have had to discharge, with a new bill each night, it is bewildering to attempt to examine either her work or that of her associates in detail. It is, however, the general estimate that in "Napoleon," the costume and the general setting of which, by the way, was surprising when one considers that a repertoire company was playing, she rose to her greatest height.

The closing bill will be "The Virginian" on Friday and "Faust" on Saturday nights. To the company and the new Opera house management Edmonton is under no small debt of gratitude for the two weeks of pleasure which have been afforded and we can only hope that the book agents will see to it that we have another visit from these excellent players before long.

A stranger who happened to drop in at the Separate School Theatre on Tuesday evening, when the third of the series of classical concerts was given, would without doubt come to

the amateur production of "All the Comforts of Home" at the Edmonton Opera house, Monday, and Tuesday, Dec. 30th and 31st, has produced the piece with local talent during the past year.

"By far the best amateur production ever seen here and the company can discount many a professional organization," a Victoria Colonist. "All the Comforts of Home," a perfect antidote to melancholy," a Victoria Times.

"If Wm. Gillette had never written anything but 'All the Comforts of Home' it would have been enough to make him famous," Mr. T. A. Hill, Vancouver Province. "We went both nights to see our local favorite in 'All the Comforts of Home,' and it almost tickled us to death," R. C. Edwards, Calgary Eyeopener.

Do not miss this two-hour treat at the Edmonton Opera the last two nights of the old year.

On Dec. 26th Mr. Robert Oden Smith, an entertainer who has made friends for himself wherever he has gone, will give one of his Bob Smith recitals at Queen's Avenue Presbyterian church.

Personalia

A map of the northern interior of British Columbia, prepared by Rev. Father A. G. Morice, O.M.I., of Kamloops, has been issued by the chief commissioner of lands and works of British Columbia. The map will fill a long felt need. Maps of the interior hitherto in use covered too great an area, and were not full enough in detail to be of much practical use to the prospector. The new map is very complete. It was originally intended to accompany the history written by Father Morice, and give in detail the country lying, roughly speaking, between the upper Skeena, the Fraser and the upper Nechako. The map of the country in the neighborhood of Babine and Stewart lakes, the Bulkley and other valleys should prove of great service to prospective settlers. The character of the country is described on the map.

The despatches which told of the advancement of Ransford Dods-worth Buckman, a native of Nova Scotia, whose boyhood days were spent on a farm at Emerson, Manitoba, to the position of admiral in the Sultan of Turkey's fleet, with the title of Pasha, leads Mr. Mark Drumm, the editor of the Frank Paper to give some interesting reminiscences of the gentleman in question. He gained his first seafaring knowledge on the Great Lakes, had hardly attained his majority when he was given command of the vessels of the American Barge company as fleet captain at the age of twenty six held a first class master's certificate for all the waters of the world and at thirty eight a given the command of the navy of a great nation. The story of Capt. Buckman's career is enthrallingly interesting; it is doubtful indeed if the real life story of any other Canadian contains anything approaching it for romantic achievement by one set of brains unassisted by pull or influence. The acquaintance between Admiral Buckman and Mr. Drumm commenced in 1893 when Capt. Buckman was sent by the American Barge company to Everett, Wash., to superintend the construction of the whale back steamer City of Everett which was built at that place. The acquaintance ripened into friendship which resulted in Admiral Buckman's inviting Mr. Drumm to be his guest on an extended voyage the new vessel was to make along the Pacific coast from Seattle to Panama and return. It was during that voyage that the Frank editor gained his more intimate knowledge of the character of the man whose life has since so distinguished himself.

Capt. Buckman, as Mr. Drumm knew him, was a man even then, of striking personality, being especially marked for originality and individuality. He first impressed the American Barge Company with his ability when one of its whaleback steamers lost its propeller in Central American waters, far from any dry dock. Many men were sent to try to ship a propeller but failed and Capt. Buckman was eventually given a try. He lightened the vessel off by removing the cargo then bought an old sloop which he chained to the bow and filled it with rock until it sank, lifting the stern of the whaleback out of the water. He sailed the propeller in place and piloted the vessel safely into port.

The Okotoks Review says of the former accountant of the Union Bank, Edmonton: "Ashworth Anderson, who for the last eighteen months has been the popular manager of the Union Bank here has resigned from the service of that institution and will go into business for himself as a broker, insurance, real estate and general agent. The increase in the bank business during Mr. Anderson's management was due entirely to his personality not to any love the people have for the Union Bank. Whether the Union will retain that business under its present policy of 'What we have we'll hold' remains to be seen."

Mr. W. P. McMicking the new manager of the Union Bank arrived in town last Saturday. Mrs. McMicking and family will shortly arrive here.

Lethbridge News says: "Inspector C. H. West, R.N.W.M.P., Mrs. West and family, and Miss Eaton arrived from Regina last night. Insp. West will be stationed here in the place of Inspector Belcher."

Mr. T. Van Someren has arrived to take the management of the Dominion branch of the Dominion Bank. Mr. R. D. Bloomfield who has been acting manager since the branch opened across the river has gone to Winnipeg.

Mr. William Barnes of Lethbridge, a well-known mine proprietor and an old-timer of that district, died last week in Winnipeg, having been taken suddenly ill while on his way to England.

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One has only to read the Calgary papers during election time to realize what a prosaic uninteresting place by Edmonton is by comparison with its neighbor. Take the following letter written by Aid. White to the Herald as an illustration of the lively spirit which characterizes Calgary and its people.

"On looking over The Albertan," he writes, "I find an article which for brazen falsehood even beats the usual lying efforts of the dirty rag. It is one tissue of lies from start to finish; the vile traducer of honest men, whose reputation and sense of honor and integrity is so far above the standard of the writer of the article in question that it is impossible for the small-souled, narrow-minded skunk to realize even the meaning of common decency. He writes under cover of a yellow rag."

He must either do that, or be branded as the white-livered hound that he is, and if he will come out into the open I will see that the courts place him where he belongs. But as he (Cameron) was not of the calibre of the aspirant for jail honors I wrote the article he refused to hold the office. I desire to say that anything The Albertan said did not influence me one iota as I despise it and its influence too much. I would not like the cheap skate that wrote the article in question and to whom, no doubt, the sum of \$2500 a year did look like a fortune, for the reason that he realized that his own services were not worth at any time anywhere over \$500 for four months. As for the balance of the article there is nothing more of truth in it than there is sense, and the only conclusion is that the writer is all this letter states he is or that he was in that beautiful state of insensibility that the Albertan's candidate is wont to indulge in at times. Now all he has to do is to put up or shut up."

W. W. White.

I have always been a consistent reader of the supposedly humorous columns of magazines and newspapers (now don't say that my weekly contributions to The Saturday News show this!) and I have from time to time pointed out on this page how little worth while it was trying to be original. Who was it said that a joke reappeared on an average every fifteen years? Well, no one would object to that, but when it is thrown at you in a guise from three or four different sources within a few months, you have a right to object. In last month's Lippincott's I read this: "The little family group was gathered round the font, and the clergyman about to officiate felt called upon for remarks: "No one," he began, "can foretell the future of this little chap. Who knows but he may grow up to be a great general like Grant himself. Or, it may be, a world-famous scientist like the immortal Newton. He may become a soul-saving divine or a wisdom-bringing judge."

Then turning to the fond mother, he added, "What name is the child to bear?" "Matilda Mary Florence," was the reply.

Exactly three weeks ago, I read the same story spread out to twice the length in Judge, the only other difference being that the unfortunate youngster's name was Isabel. Not more than six months ago it was in the Ladies' Home Journal, "Mary

Ann" being the announcement in that case which brought it to a climax. Lord knows where it had cropped up in the interval.

SONG OF THE SMALL DEPOSITOR.

I used to cringe and cower at the window of the teller
And wish the floor would open and would drop me to the cellar;
I handed him my money and I thanked him for his kindness,
He looked at me blankly as though struck by sudden blindness.
But now I get the ear of the genial cashier
And a nod and smile is coming from the teller's little pile.
While the teller speaks my name as though I were known to fame,
And in bows of cordial welcome all the once stiff spines are bent.
I used to creep in softly to deposit fifteen dollars
And hope they wouldn't notice I was wearing paper collars.
The teller took my money—and I knew he did a favor.
And I shuffled out as humbly as the rudest misbehavior.
But now they bow and smile as they count my little pile.
And they murmur that I'm helping to rejuvenate the land,
And the stately president with respect and glassless blent
Asks about my wife and children while he shakes me by the hand.
I used to fear the teller and his big and heavy glasses,
Through which he stared a stare as cold as snow-filled mountain passes.
But now he makes me linger and narrate the latest story,
And he tells me that I represent the nation's pride and glory.
Oh, now I have the ear of the smiling-faced cashier,
And my fingers know the gripping of the stately president.
While the teller bows to me just as nice as niece can be,
And he counts each dime and dollar and each nickel and each cent.
—Chicago Post.

I ran some verses last week in praise of the man who says "I don't know," and no sooner were they in print than I came across the following in the Peterborough Review: "One of the greatest drawbacks of to-day is the man who 'don't know.' You can find him anywhere. Inquire about a matter of general interest, something that he should be familiar with and the inevitable reply is 'Don't know.' If some people would take pains to inform themselves on different matters, they would be in a position to answer questions which naturally they should be expected to answer. Try to get out of the 'don't know' and 'knocker' class."

If the Review editor comes West, I'd like to introduce himself to several people numbered among my acquaintances, who know so much about everything and who are so keen to give others the advantages which they possess that the riches of knowledge which they offer become an embarrassment. What is the matter with the Review man any way? Can't he afford an encyclopaedia? I know several who will let him have an Americana if he will make the last payment on it for them.

The other night at a little gathering of magazine writers, says the New York World, the talk centered around Mr. Bryan's charges against the New York newspapers. "I have worked for many newspapers," said Robert H. Davis, of Munsey's, "and I never knew one yet that wasn't true to its readers."

"When I was a kid I worked on the Carson Appeal, out in Nevada. Late one night, when we were pulling off the 300 circulation on a Washington hand press, a half-dressed man, with a stubby black beard, slipped in through the door and asked if we had a suit of clothes we could let a fellow have."

"There were always a lot of old clothes hanging behind the press that anybody was welcome to. We told him to help himself. Pretty soon he was well rigged out. He started to leave, but hesitated, watching the printing. 'What does the paper cost?' he asked. We told him 88. He dug up the money. 'Where should we send it?' 'I'll

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let you know when I get settled," he said, "I'm travelling."
"With that he went out. In about half an hour we heard the clatter of hoofs and the clanging of weapons, and looking out into the moonlight we recognized the sheriff and four heavily armed deputies. They came in. Had we seen a half dressed man with a stubby black beard? We had. Which way did he go? I started to tell them that he had gone around the corner, through the side street towards the hills. The foreman nudged me to keep quiet. 'I'll attend to this,' he said. Then he went on to say that the man had gone down the main road to the canyon. They mounted and rode away in the wrong direction.
"Our visitor was Black Bart, the highwayman, who had just escaped from the penitentiary.
"What did you do that for?" I asked the foreman, with some indignation.
"Hades," he said, "you wouldn't go back on a subscriber, would you?"

Mother wears last winter's hat. Also wears last winter's furs. And the coat she wears—why, that. All last winter, too, was hers. Though she sighs, and frets a lot. All the trouble hard times brings. All the clothes that mother's got. Are her old last winter's things.
Sister says it breaks her heart. Her last winter's things to wear: Gowns that then were noted smart. Now have quite a dovely air. But she wears them just the same. To the dinner and the dance. Though till now it was her aim. Always to be in advance.

I am wearing the old suit. That I wore last winter through; It was of old style, too. On the day that it was new. My last winter's shoes are whole. Though they are half-sold at that. And a patch conceals a hole—
And I wear last winter's hat. Father wears last winter's things. And he says 'twould help his roll. If through some weird monkeyings We could burn last winter's coat. And he frowns and says when we kick about our bitter pills. That we're better off, for he Has to pay last winter's bills!

Sunny Alberta.

The police at Blairmore have abandoned the theory that Mollie Lewis, the dissolute woman recently found dead, was killed by Sam Sing the cook, and suspicion now attaches to Mike Phillips, who left town immediately after the tragedy.

Coyote hunts are being organized in Olds district as a Christmas holiday amusement.

The Great West Lumber Co., Limited, of Red Deer, was considered re-organized at the last meeting of the shareholders, and Mr. J. D. Kennedy, who has been in charge of the mill this summer, has been elected president, and general manager, with Mr. J. W. Robinson as vice president, and Mr. J. E. Menzies, sec.-treas.

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About Town.

The Strathcona Board of Trade has been refused the balance of the civic grant, amounting to \$500, on the ground that there was a breach of faith with the council. The Mayor states that the grant was made on the understanding that the secretary of the Board should devote the whole time to the work.

Rev. A. Macdonald delivered an excellent address before the Canadian Club on Tuesday his subject being "The spirit of the nation." His Honor the Lieutenant Governor was among those present. At the close of Mr. Macdonald's address, Mr. J. N. Grieve, Dominion Immigration Agent at Spokane, spoke briefly and Mr. George A. Reid read one of his poems "The spirit of the North."

Rev. Canon D'Easum of Fort Saskatchewan preached at All Saints' Church on Sunday evening.

Hon. Dr. Rutherford addressed the literary society of the High school in All Saints school room last Friday. A literary and musical programme was also given.

The offer of the Imperial bank to sell the outstanding debentures at 6 1/2 per cent was considered at some length by the Strathcona council, and it was agreed that the council consent to the sale of \$16,000 five per cents for twenty years, and \$10,000 six per cents for eight years at the rate of 6 1/2 as offered.

The new Presbyterian church in Strathcona was opened with special services last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Duval of Winnipeg preaching both morning and evening.

The Fort Saskatchewan Reporter says: "John I. Mills and party from Edmonton made a run to Elk Island park on Saturday in an automobile. They left the Fort at noon, and were back by four o'clock, which speaks well for the new auto drive. They were also well repaid for the trip by the sight of two hundred or more buffaloes feeding in their new winter corral. Fred J. White, who came down to spend Sunday at home, was in the party."

The Church of Christ has erected a church building on Walter's flats in Strathcona.

The jury gave Frank Goode \$100 damages in his libel case against the Journal.

The Sunday school entertainment of the First Presbyterian church will be held in the school room of the church on Friday evening, December 27th.

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Canadian Pacific Railway Company announce a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets on sale for Christmas, December 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25; for New Year's December 28, 29, 30, 31 and January 1. Final return limits in both cases January 3rd.

A committee from the First Presbyterian Church of Edmonton is receiving donations for the aid of the poor of the city and solicit assistance of clothing, food, books, money or any consideration which would help those deserving of public aid. All wishing to contribute kindly leave their gifts at the Sunday school room of the church on the afternoon of Tuesday the 24th inst or notify Dr. Macquenn or Mrs. Boucher, 635 5th street and the committee will arrange to call for them. Any information regarding deserving poor of the city will be gladly received.

In accordance with the request of Dr. McIntyre M.P. authority has been granted for the establishment of an additional postal car service daily, except Sunday, each way, via the Canadian Pacific railway between Calgary and Strathcona.

This change will be put into operation at as early a date as possible.

Mr. J. R. Lavell delivered a very entertaining lecture in the Methodist Church in Strathcona last week on a cycle trip taken by himself, from London to Edinburgh.

In the case of Messrs Seccord and York against the city for damages in connection with the quarantining of the Alberta Hotel, an award of \$175 per day, \$525 in all, was given the plaintiffs. It is understood that the hotel syndicate composed of Messrs Seccord and York, has been dissolved and that new arrangements will be made for the control and management of the various hotels.

In the case of Bishopric v. York and O'Cooley in which the defendants resisted payment of \$25,000, the first instalment on the purchase of an addition to Strathcona, the plaintiff was given a verdict, a specific performance of the agreement of sale being ordered.

Major Belcher J.P., who recently came from Lethbridge to Edmonton to make his home, will sit as an extra magistrate. He heard his first case on Thursday.

The first board of conciliation under the Labor Disputes Act to sit in the Edmonton district is now taking up the differences between the Strathcona Coal Co. and its miners. F. H. Sherman is here from Lethbridge representing the men, F. L. Otter the company, while G. S. Montgomery is acting as chairman. Arrangements have been made by which the city will secure two acres from the southern part of the penitentiary property for sewage treatment grounds.

The usual Christmas recital by Mr. Vernon Barford's piano pupils will be given in All Saint's school room on Monday evening at 8.30.

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is a point on which the public is entitled to information.

As large contributions from the Provincial and Dominion Governments, the former direct and the latter indirect, are expected they will doubtless insist on being satisfied that the railway is bearing its fair share of the cost.

The death is announced of Hon. J. J. Tarte, former Minister of Public Works in the Dominion cabinet. Since Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked for his resignation in the summer of 1902, we have heard but infrequently of Mr. Tarte. But no one who followed Canadian politics for the twelve years previous to that date can ever be forgetful of the part that he played in that eventful period. His exposure of Conservative corruption in the early nineties and the capacity and the energy, which he brought to the service of Sir Wilfrid Laurier after he had definitely turned his back on his former associates, were large factors in the change of government that occurred in 1896. When a Liberal cabinet came to be formed, Mr. Tarte had not a seat in the House of Commons, having been defeated in the cereal contest which brought about Sir Charles Tupper's downfall. But Sir Wilfrid insisted that he should be included in the Ministry, a seat was found for him and he was given the largest of the spending departments. For six years such was his influence at Ottawa believed to be that Sir Wilfrid was represented by his opponents as a genial figurehead and Mr. Tarte as "the master of the administration." No Canadian politician was ever made the object of more savage onslaughts. But they did not bring any discomfiture to their intended victim. He relished the prominence which they gave him

and at last, it became evident, believed what the opponents of the government said regarding his power. Sir Wilfrid went to attend the coronation festivities and during his absence, Mr. Tarte undertook to bring about a change in the fiscal policy of the party. Two days after Sir Wilfrid's return, he had asked and obtained the resignation of the Minister of Public Works. From that moment Mr. Tarte was completely down and out politically. Eventually he resumed relations with his former Conservative colleagues but it soon became evident that his name no longer carried prestige. The whole history of politics has never seen so striking a case of the sudden snuffing-out of a supposedly powerful public man. Since September 1902, no one has suggested that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not the master as well as the titular head of the Ottawa administration.

Petitions are being circulated and very largely signed asking Col. Edwards to be a candidate at the coming aldermanic bye-election. The gallant Colonel made many friends as a result of his most creditable though unsuccessful run a week ago Monday and should he consent to stand again would be a difficult man to defeat.

Mr. Harry Walker, the genial accommodating postmaster at Ellerslie went south on Wednesday morning's train. He will enjoy a well-earned holiday with his friends and it is rumored that on his return he will have forsaken the ranks of Western bachelors.

There will be a Christmas entertainment held in the Ellerslie church on the evening of Monday, 23rd. The teachers of both the Otoskwan and Oliver school districts are to be commended for the energy they show in preparing the children to take part in the programme. The musical part will be under the capable management of Miss Margaret Weir.

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This important Association held a meeting at Innisfair on Tuesday, December 10th. There was a good turnout not only of members but of residents of this district, fully 85 being in attendance at the afternoon meeting.

Present Frank Whiteside, of Stettler, occupied the chair, and first expressed pleasure at seeing such a large attendance. Mayor Constantine welcomed the visitors to town and in a few well chosen words extended them the freedom of the town while they were here. Ed. Barnett, of Buffalo Lake, presided on behalf of the Association. He said he was one of the old timers of the country, having been there for 37 years. He was pleased to see the interest taken in the work of the Association, which had primarily been established to better the market conditions and to do away with the present system by which a buyer goes into a corral and offer a price for the cattle and if refused he can go back in another year and offer the same price, or even less, although the cattle are a year older and the extra expense has been placed on them.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS
The President in his address drew attention to the value of the furrows and the work done for the association by certain members of the press. He said that while the value of almost every commodity had increased the price of the Alberta steer had grown less. The result was that this Association was formed to combat this condition. The interest of the farmer and the stock grower is so much alike that they should work together. Mr. Whiteside gave statistics proving that the amount invested in agriculture and stock raising was double that in mining, lumbering and fishing, while the revenue derived was not half that of the latter class. He also read extracts from price reports for the last five years showing that while other commodities have increased in price that of beef has remained stationary or else has reduced in price. Mr. McMullen, the C.P.R. stock inspector had stated that the stockshipments were from 25 to 30 thousand less than last year and yet despite this P. R. line was reported as having announced that he intends purchasing a large bunch of cattle in Montana to supply his market. Why it that Burns goes to Montana while the same time the S. N. and Co. are reported to have come to Alberta. In support of this Mr. Whiteside read quotations from different newspapers on this subject. Mr. McMullen had promised last spring that there would never again be such a shortage of cars as there was last spring, for orders had been given for 500 new stock cars, to say nothing of grain cars, etc. Up to the present, however, no one in this part of the country had ever seen any of these new cars. He also drew attention to the shipment of cattle from near Medicine Hat and the treatment given that man both by the railway and buyers. It would appear that this sort of thing is more than accident and Mr. Whiteside again drew attention to the shipments made by Mr. Root and others to Chicago and the treatment they received, especially in the second shipment.

In concluding Mr. Whiteside said that some people were of the opinion that the Association was not loyal because it was working for a lower duty on cattle. The idea of the association was not so much to help build up Chicago but to build up markets like Chicago in Canada. The government should build abattoirs in Alberta and he looked for government to do this. He hoped to be able to co-operate with the Alberta Farmers' Association in their work and further he was of the opinion that the recent beef commission should show that in no investigation has so much evidence been shown as there was in this instance of the combines against the broken ranks of the ranchers and stock raisers.

MR. STEVENS' PAPER
The next paper was an address from W. F. Stevens, secretary of the Alberta Farmers' Association on the obstacles between the producer and consumer. Unfortunately Mr. Stevens was unable to be present owing to important business at Edmonton, but his paper was forwarded and read by E. J. Fream, of Innisfair.

Mr. Stevens said the obstacles between the producer and consumer may be classed as natural and artificial. The first natural obstacle is transportation, second transformation and the third distribution. These three are the natural obstacles between the producer and the consumer and under normal trade conditions they are the only obstacles. They may be repeated and compounded a number of times, but every handling of them falls under one or other of these three heads, and these three comprise the commerce and industries of the world. The inhabitants of every city who are not living in luxury or vice or by purely intellectual pursuits are engaged in one or other of these three lines. The highest inventive genius of the world has been applied to developing, simplifying and

making them less expensive. But while the highest genius has been engaged in devising means of economizing in overcoming these obstacles another kind of genius had been engaged in preventing as far as possible the producer and consumer from having any share in the profit of the progress thus made.

Invention increased the efficiency of labor and as human intelligence enlarged it was observed that the man who possessed an equipment for handling 1000 boxes per day could do so more economically than 20 men who were equipped for handling five boxes only. The result was that in the course of time 19 independent butchers became the employees of their more fortunate brother who then ceased to be a butcher and became an abattoir man. This change was called centralization or consolidation. Under this change while it was possible to make a larger profit a great many people are of the opinion that instead of this profit going to the producer it goes to the organizer and both producer and consumer are harder hit.

Thus while invention which resulted in centralization, was designed to lessen the burden imposed on initial production, it became the means of bringing about the very opposite condition.

This process of centralization resulting in putting all of a certain line of business in the hands of one man, it was termed a monopoly, but it sometimes happened that before this was reached two or more individuals apparently equally strong remained in the field. Each realized that it might be suicidal to attempt to crush the other and in order to avoid danger from that source and still enjoy the benefits of a working monopoly a compromise was arranged.

This in the language of the day is termed combination and combination is the curse of trade at the present time. Invention is applied in overcoming the obstacles between producer and consumer; combination is engaged in erecting artificial ones which shall prevent the producer from securing any larger share of the price the consumer pays than is necessary to keep him producing. Were it not for combination of trade there would be no Central Alberta Stock Growers' Association and Mr. Stevens took up the remedies proposed by the Farmers' Association and by the Stock Growers' Association and continued his address with the words of the Minister of Public Works. "Monopolies continue to flourish and exist, and tighten their grip on the vital of the nations. They continue to flourish from the long suffering people of our country large profits to swell the bank accounts of foreign millionaires." In the meat handling business the millionaires who are tightening their grip on the vitals of the people of this province happen to be domestic, but the Alberta Farmers' Association is resolved that the mere fact that they are domestic shall not constitute a sufficient reason why large profits shall continue to be fleeced annually from our long suffering people to swell their bank accounts.

MR. ROOT ON MARKETS
Mr. Geo. F. Root, hon. president of the Association delivered an excellent paper on "Market Extensions."

Trusts and monopolies act on the theory of co-operation and they are always seized by the most intelligent people in the country. We owe it ourselves to produce our output to the highest possible price. Beef producers have organized and worked together in a loose way but we must be exact and systematic if we wish to do good. With this end in view Mr. Root suggested the establishment of a Market Extension Committee by the Association. It was up to the government to see that a freight service was established to France so that our stock would have an outlet there. The treaty recently made was a good one but was useless until such time as a freight service was established so that they could take advantage of it. Mr. Root also spoke strongly in favor of having the embargo against Canadian cattle removed and the duty taken off Alberta cattle going to the States. The open door was required so that the stockers of this country could be sent to the corn raisers of Iowa and the States to be finished. We want the open door for our farm products and we want them on the favored nation list with every country in the world.

A letter from Dawson Harding, representing the Manchester herd was then read. Mr. Harding gave a full description as to how the old Alberta cattle market could be reached through Manchester. The open door was required so that the stockers of this country could be sent to the corn raisers of Iowa and the States to be finished. We want the open door for our farm products and we want them on the favored nation list with every country in the world.

J. Speakman, of Penhold, strongly advocated the federation of the Farmers' Association and the Stock Growers' Association and asked if a bulletin could not be sent on the same lines as the one issued by the Department of Agriculture in England.

Joe Wilson, of Innisfair, gave a short address speaking against the proposed centralization of the Local Improvement districts, which he claimed was a retrograde movement.

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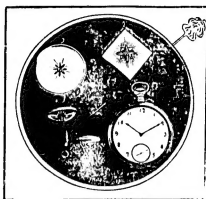
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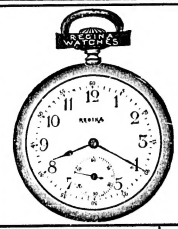
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EVENING SESSION.

The first speaker called upon was A. L. Powrie, of Red Deer, who took up the matter of the difficulties the stock grower experiences when trying to ship cattle. The conditions are rapidly changing from the old way of raising beef and the time is coming when the range will be shut off and the steers will have to be grain fed. This will mean a greater expense and the question is will it pay? Is the price paid in former years going to be sufficient to pay the stock grower under these changes? When we consider the price paid in Chicago for the finished product can we expect Canada to give us another Chicago and thus save the day for the stock men. One way will be that the raisers will have to ship their own cattle and thus reduce expenses by cutting out the buyer's or middleman's wages and profits.

The difficulty at present is that the obstacles in the way of the small shipper are too great. There is no market for all kinds of animals except south of the line and unfortunately the duty prevents the Canadian stock raiser from using that. The only place where there is a real market is where they will take everything no matter if it is only four legs and a very small body. The position in Alberta is that there is too much beef raised for home consumption and not enough to warrant the big packers to start business here. The conditions will improve if we hold together and come up to the times. Mr. Powrie then very exhaustively described the difficulties he experienced in getting a train load of cattle through to Chicago. The first train load was in every way satisfactory, but the second one met obstacles at every path. First they were delayed for eight days waiting for cars, then as soon as the stock reached Portland they were held up while the customs officers telegraphed to Gordon, Winnipeg, asking for the price of cattle, the result being that the price was raised \$5 per head and the duty correspondingly increased and then to cap the climax the C.P.R. raised the freight rates and although the cars were billed through as 20,000 lbs just as soon as Portland was reached the tonnage was raised to 24,000 lbs. The result was that this shipment cost \$700 more to place on the Chicago market than the first one and consequently while these obstacles are in the road the Chicago market is closed to the Canadian small shipper.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture, was the next speaker. He had been interested in agriculture and ranching since 1896 until two years ago when he sold out, and during that time they had had as many as 6000 head of cattle running. In the first days there was plenty of competition but this gradually dwindled down to the hands of Gordon and Ironsides. They had once sold to these firms, selling among the stock a bunch of cows at \$30 per head. When they were delivered the buyers refused to take them and offered only \$25 per head. This was refused and the cattle driven back to the ranch. They then followed the plan of shipping their own cattle to England, appointing an agent there to look after their interests.

Several plans had been suggested for the bettering of the cattle conditions. One was to child the plants, but this would be found to be very expensive and might cause trouble as the whole business could not be handled in one province.

The matter of transportation should be looked into by the government as well as by the people and the government will be always pleased to do so. Some time ago he had promised to have a commission appointed to look into the matter of

beef and pork interests. This commission has been at work all summer and their report is expected to be ready in a week or ten days. It is impossible to anticipate what the commission will do but when they make their report to the government with recommendations, then the government will act. He hoped the decision the government will come to will be satisfactory not only to the rancher but to the farmer.

While the cattle industry is a great one Mr. Finlay is not prepared to look over the farmer in preference to the rancher. Farming is the backbone of the country. Last year the sum spent in the creameries alone was \$116,000. In the matter of poultry we had only started but when we consider that over half a million dollars is spent annually in bringing poultry and eggs into the country surely the matter bears consideration and should be helped. He did not run down the cattle interests. They were worthy of every assistance. The matter of pork has also been considered and will be acted upon. The matter of shipping cattle to the United States has also been touched upon. He did not think any great benefit would be derived from this source. There were too many risks. If the customs officer is not feeling extra good he may charge you for undervaluing your cattle and there is no resource. Also the railroads on this side will do all in their power to delay and prevent you from shipping to the States. The only thing to do is to find a market in Canada. One way would be for the government to assist in some way in shipping to the Old Country. He did not think there is the slightest chance of the cattle embargo being removed, however. He was lately in the Old Country and had interviewed the cattle men, and they said that it had really got so tight it was the only thing the Irish people depended upon, shipping their stockers to England and Scotland.

In conclusion Mr. Finlay said he thought it would be safe to trust the government that had lately broken up the lumber combine to deal with the beef combine and the evidence gathered by the committee and the recommendations will be dealt with by the executive of the government and the matter will be pushed through just as the same as the lumber business had been.

STAGNANT BUSINESS.

Ed. Barnett of Lacombe, said the public were satisfied there is a grievance in the cattle conditions and now that the tide had turned there was a prospect of a change being made so that better prices may be realized in the future than in the past. More aid should be given to the cattle interests by the government. The business was at present simply stagnant and all cattle men were trying to get out of cattle. It was a grievous thing. A matter which should be attended to was the importation of good stock into the country by the government, the sale to same by the government to the cattle raisers and farmers at first cost.

Mr. Barnett also brought up the matter of tagging hides showing that the present system was unsatisfactory and suggesting a change in the shape of a tag similar to those used on valises and by the giving of a number to all cattle buyers and shippers, this number to be stamped on their tags.

The meeting terminated with a short address from E. Frean, editor of The Province, in which, on the relations of newspaper men to the Farmers' Associations is existence to-day.

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The Week in Calgary

As Reviewed by the Correspondent of the Saturday News

The Commissionership Proposals—Will a Company build the Street Railway? The Socialists Propaganda—Publicity matters

December 19th.

There are radical changes imminent in the municipal government of Calgary, and it is a time which calls for the most careful consideration of everyone who has the future welfare of the city at heart. The time-honored committee system has got to pass, and there is no room for doubt that the men who will compose the council of 1908 have determined that it shall go during their term of office. The city's assumption of hospital control is but one instance of the increasing responsibilities of the aldermanic board. To determine on a system of government which will serve present needs and provide for the increased duties of the future is the undertaking which this city has before it at the present time.

There is no great divergence of opinion at present as to the comparative merits of the board of control and the commission. The principle which aldermen and citizens generally are insisting on is the focusing of the executive work of the city in the hands of competent, salaried men.

There is a good deal to be said in favor of the Toronto plan advocated by Ald. Manarey at the council meeting on Monday night. Four are better than two, as a usual thing. Later on, when the city has settled down to a normal development, instead of the extraordinary growth which is attending it at present, the balance of argument might be in favor of the smaller board. At present, it does not seem that way. It might be recalled, in reaching a decision, that both the Galveston and Des Moines plans of civic government, which have each been attended with marked success and a great deal of attention, have a board of four paid councillors, in addition to the mayor.



ALDERMAN JOHN G. WATSON

Who is planning and directing Calgary's gravity waterworks system, the biggest municipal undertaking ever projected in the west. Its cost will be not less than \$350,000. Alderman Watson was re-elected at the head of the poll in ward IV.

It cannot be gainsaid that the spirit of a number who are in positions of trust in Calgary just now is decidedly undemocratic, and for that reason again a board composed of four rather than two men is to be desired. It would be much more representative, and much more approachable. And while the writer is no adherent of the principles of anarchy, he would like to see a revolution in the mossback way of doing things adhered to by an element of village politicians which cleave to public life in Calgary. Perhaps when we get that new city hall their view points and methods will change somewhat. There are already signs of a widening horizon, and a keener ear for the wishes of the people than there used to be. It is much less like military rule than it was.

There ought not to be much trouble over defining in a general way, the duties of the board of control. Let four men and the mayor have the executive work of the city in their charge, subject to the legislative guidance of the aldermanic board. Salaries of \$100 per month for each of these men and \$200 per

month for the mayor would without doubt attract competent men. The controllers would be allowed an eight hour day, at best, no doubt, and then considerable honor attaches to the position. The total of the salaries named would be less than that of the commission the council of 1907 tried to set in authority over an innocent and unsuspecting public, to the latter's resentment. Do it this way, gentlemen, and call it a go. We'll attend to the details later.

There has been developing a pretty decided opinion in favor of negotiating with a private company for the building and operation of a street railway if the city can make a satisfactory agreement, for a limited term of years, with the privilege of buying out the rights of the railway company at the end of that time, it would seem to be much better than for the city itself to build and operate the line under present conditions. Municipal ownership and control is all right, and the ideal towards which we should aim, but to use an expressive and popular though vulgar term, there is such a thing as "biting off more than one can chew." It applies to cities as well as individuals. To extend the metaphor, we may be able to chew all that's before us in time, but to handle it in one chaw is a little too much.

Everybody is glad that the government has relieved the city of the necessity of raising \$125,000 to fight the Bell Co. with a rival telephone system. But the city has tremendous expenditures before it in improvements which it must attend to itself. That gravity system may go considerably beyond the estimated cost before it is completed. Calgary needs a street railway, and there is a good traffic assured from the start. But there are too many difficulties in the way of the city's undertakings to build it at the present time. The city is in a position, however, to demand an agreement very advantageous to itself. At the same time, by giving a limited franchise to a private company, a quarter of a million dollars at least of outside capital would be brought to the city, which would help some.

It will do no particular harm to have a propaganda of socialism in Alberta. The decision of the convention of allied laborers of the province of Alberta to adopt "the socialist platform," and to enter the political arena is an interesting event, but does not call for any very pronounced amount of excitement at the present time. The convention itself was divided concerning the adoption of Socialistic principles, and the opposition was pretty emphatically expressed, as the views of labor men usually are. Nevertheless the leaven of Socialism is steadily spreading, and it is only natural that sooner or later the prominence it has obtained in British Columbia should be repeated elsewhere. At present, though, the platform is too little understood and too narrow to obtain a very great ascendancy. R. R. Pottier is quiet correct: "the press, the pulpit, and the school system are all against Socialism." As he advocates it, they always will be; in addition to the majority of the class to which he appeals.

Ald. White's remarks on civic publicity at the last council meeting were very opportune. Calgary has spent a lot of money this year for advertising purposes. The band trip, with the temporary publicity agent, and the baseball grant totalled \$3,500. Few have criticized the grant towards professional baseball, but nobody ever mentions the band expense if they can help it. Any reference to that crusade is considered to be in excessiveness had taste. Now for \$3,000 per year there are a few scribbles in Alberta who could hand out a very fair sample of publicity. And it is a very good suggestion to have the money voted towards this purpose spent by a committee of the council rather than to have it handed over to either the board of trade or the 100,000

club. Under such circumstances, the council could demand an account: at present it cannot.

The coming year, in view of the Dominion fair, would be an excellent time to inaugurate a new and a systematic policy. Wise advertising for the next five years would pay a hundred fold in the development of Calgary, and not alone in the quantity but in the quality of that development.

EDMONTON MARKETS

On the local markets the receipts are very light. Oats are selling on market square at 25 to 40c per bushel.

Elevator prices.

No. 1 Northern wheat, 85c bus; No. 2, Nor. wheat, 82c per bushel; No. 3, Nor. wheat, 80c per bushel; lower grades, 30c to 60c per bushel; No. 1 White Oats 30c. per bushel; No. 2 white oats, 25c per bushel; No. 3, white oats, 23c per bushel; Feed barley, 25 to 35c per bus; malted barley, 45c per bushel. No. 1 N.W. Flax, \$1.00 per bushel.

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Vegetables.

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Carrots, 2c. per lb.
Parsnips, 3c. per lb.
Beets, 2c. per lb.
Onions, 2c. per lb.
Cabbage, 24c. per lb.
Potatoes, 40c to 45c per bushel.

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Receipts of hogs are light.
Cattle are becoming more plentiful.
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POULTRY

Turkeys—16c to 20c per lb., dressed
Old hens, 10c per lb., dressed.
Spring chickens—12 1/2 to 14c per lb.
Ducks—14c, dressed.
Geese—12c to 14c per lb., dressed

WINNIPEG.

December 19.
The wheat markets have become quite strong during the past week. Wet weather in the Argentine where they are in the midst of harvest has been the cause of making a sharp advance in prices, for a wet harvest in that country would deteriorate both quantity and quality of the crop and making serious inroad on the quality available for export to Europe where it is so much needed. The result has been the advance of 3c to 5c in prices over a week ago and the markets have a much stronger feeling all round. In our Winnipeg market trade has been brisk and demand for all grades of wheat good, and prices have advanced in line with other markets. We look for a steady and firm market from this forward and for further good advances later in the season. Today's Winnipeg prices are: 1 Nor. 105 3-8; 2 Nor. 102 3-8; 3 Nor. 95 3-8; 4 wheat, 85c; No 5, 72c; No. 6, 56 1-4. Feed wheat 45 1-4, and feed No. 2, 37 1-2. Futures closed, Dec., 105 3-8; Jan., 106 1-8; May, 112 1-2; and July, 115 1-4. Oats steady: 2 white, 43c; 3 white, 40c; rejected, 31 1-4; barley, No. 4, 45c. Flax, No. 1, northwest, 104 1-2.

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In the matter of the Estate of MAH DEB, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order made herein by the Honourable Mr. Justice Taylor on the 19th day of December, A.D. 1907, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Mah Deb, who died on or about the 24th day of November, A.D. 1907, at Edmonton in the Province of Alberta are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to Messrs. Wallbridge and Macdonald, of Edmonton aforesaid, solicitors for the Administrator on or before the 25th day of January, A.D. 1908, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them duly verified by statutory declaration, and that after the said last mentioned date the said administrator will distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and will not be liable to any person whose claim has not been received by him at the time of such distribution.

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Some Opinions

of
A Woman in the West

EDMONTON BULLETIN

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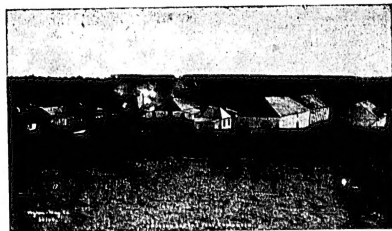
The book offers in compact and striking form a panorama of this passing of the present times as would surely convey to the doubting or prejudiced easterner something of the fascination of the western life of to-day.

THE LETHBRIDGE DAILY HERALD

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EDMONTON EVENING JOURNAL

One of the most delightful and readable volumes that has come to our table for some time is "A Woman in the West," by Gertrude Palmer Watt, more familiarly known to the people of Alberta as "Peggy" in the Edmonton Saturday News. The volume is quoted from the preface, is the work of one who has lived her daily life in the centre of activity that has been exciting the interest and the wonder of the world. "The impressions" of the author are distinctly western, and what strikes one particularly is their naturalness. We close the book feeling refreshed; feeling that we have been near a life that is fast giving place to the prosaic forms of eastern advancement. The original life of the west is now on the frontier, but we are reminded of it in a very entertaining manner by Mrs. Watt in her charming volume "A Woman in the West." It is for sale at all bookstores.



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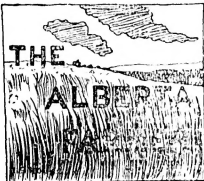
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sociation, but the latter is only re-
sponsible for the views which are ex-
pressed in this department of the
paper. While the publishers are
thoroughly in sympathy with the
objects of the A.F.A., it is mani-
festly unfair to ascribe opinions
which are expressed in other parts
of the paper, dealing for the most
part with matters which have no
direct connection with agriculture
and which would reasonably be ex-
pected to give rise to controversy,
either to the officers or to the mem-
bers of the Association.

OBJECTS OF THE A. F. A.
(Extract from the constitution of
the Alberta Farmers' Association.)
This Association is not a political
organization nor does it purpose en-
dorsing the policy of any political
party nor the candidature of any
politician and the object of the As-
sociation shall be—

- (1) To forward the interests of
the producers of grain and live
stock in every honorable and
legitimate way.
- (2) To hold meetings for the dis-
cussion of subjects pertaining
to the production of grain and
live stock, and the best means
of marketing the same.
- (3) To encourage the production
of superior varieties of grain,
and the breeding and rearing of
improved stock.
- (4) To encourage the establish-
ment of industries which will
give the producer greater fa-
cilities for marketing his pro-
duce.
- (5) To obtain by united effort
profitable and equitable prices
for farm produce.
- (6) To watch legislation relating
to the farmers' interests, par-
ticularly that affecting the mar-
keting and transportation of
farm produce.
- (7) To suggest to Parliament
from time to time as it is
found necessary through duly
appointed delegates, the pass-
ing of any new legislation to
meet changing conditions and
requirements.

The officers of the A.F.A. are as
follows:

President Joshua Fletcher; Vice-
President, Thomas H. Woolford;
Cardston; Secretary, Treasurer,
W. F. Stevens, Clover Bar;
Directors, George A. Hall;
Strathcona; Kice Sheppard,
Strathcona; Henry Jamieson,
Red Deer; George MacDonald,
Olds; T. W. Harris, Raymond;
E. N. Barker, Cardston.

Freight rates per bushel on
wheat, oats and barley from the rail-
road points to Fort William and
Port Arthur.

Via C.N.R.—			
From	Wheat	Oats	Barley
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Vegreville -			
Vermilion -	14.40	8.16	11.52
Lloydminster -			
Morinville -	15.60	8.84	12.48
Stoney Plain -			
Via C.P.R.—			
Edmonton -			
Strathcona -	15.00	8.5	12.00
Wetaskiwin -			
Red Deer -			
Delburne -	14.4	8.5	12.00
Calgary -	15.00	8.84	12.48
Okotoks -	14.4	8.5	12.00
Macleod -	15.00	8.84	12.48
Pincher Creek -	12.8	8.16	11.52
Lethbridge -	12.4	10.2	14.4
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Thynden -	16.20	9.18	12.96

The Stockgrowers at Innisfail.

(Continued from page 6)

BUSINESS MEETING.

At the close of the general meet-
ing a meeting of the members of
the Association was held.
The president appointed Messrs
Sharma, Powrie and Tees a resolu-
tion committee.

The matter of appointing a dele-
gate to represent the Association at
the National Live Stock Convention
was taken up and left in the hands
of the president and secretary.

The following were appointed a
Market Extension Committee: W.
F. Stevens, chairman, G. F. Root
and the secretary.

J. Bower of Red Deer, was ap-
pointed a delegate to represent the
Association at the annual meeting of
the Alberta Farmers' Association.

MR. ROOT RESIGNS.

Mr. Root announced that he had
accepted the Conservative nomina-
tion for the Red Deer constituency
and as the Association was not for
political purposes and his connec-
tion therewith might mean that
people might misconstrue his and
the Association's aims, he asked to
be relieved of the position of
Honorary President.

This was acceded to by the presi-
dent.

The next meeting will be held in
Lacombe on March 6th, 1908.

The Results of Foolish Leadership

What the Farmers' Advocate Says of
the Experience of the Society
of Equity.

The following highly significant
article appears in the Farmers' Ad-
vocate.

"The unfortunate entanglement of
the Society of Equity illustrates the
error of placing undue confidence in
the individuals who may be promi-
nent in movements whose ostensible
purpose is the betterment of con-
ditions surrounding a certain class or
in untested theoretical devices. In
the principle of simple co-operation
will be found a solution for many of
the problems vexing the farming
community but every time at-
tempt to develop a rational co-
operation fail the whole idea of co-
operation is discredited. It is unfor-
tunate that there is not more dis-
tinction between a genuine, honest
attempt to develop a rational co-
operative scheme and the counterfeit
production of commercial buccaners.
Generally the latter are given the
worse name because they magnify
grievances and promise im-
mediate and immense advantages.
The genuine article, like all great
and useful things, usually grows
from small beginnings, solves one
problem before beginning upon
another, and leaves its actions to
commend its advantages to the pub-
lic. Freely simple beginnings in
small way co-operative movements
that are founded upon the proper
basis usually grow to dominant pro-
portions while the movement which
starts off with a great flourish of
trumpets promising revolutions in
trade and commerce invariably
comes to the ground. The exceptions
are so few that one is not justified
in excepting them.

The Society of Equity, as an
organized force, has probably run
its course in Canada but the men
who accepted its tenets are still liv-
ing and probably have not lost faith
in the principles of co-operation.
With those who have once studied
economic conditions and acquired
into the advantages of organization
to effect economy the idea of co-
operation will never die. The mis-
take of these men in going into the
Society of Equity was in regarding
certain individuals as the Moses and
Joshua of the modern industrial
Egypt and in excepting sweeping
changes. Nor did they realize
how powerful were the influences
operative to keep things in their
present path. People should realize
that existing conditions in trade or
any other sphere of life are due to
influence of about equal strength
acting in opposite directions, thus
tending to maintain an average not
that this thing or that thing or the
other is dominated overwhelmingly
by any one influence. The world
is not out of all balance and when
it begins to look that way it is time
to have our eyes tested.

True, some of our arrangements
in the science of distribution of
wealth and the remedy for these
irregularities lies in a system of
co-operation beginning in a small
way and laying broad foundations
and growing to large proportions.
Such a system must be built up and
every detail tested to prove its work-
ing capacity. We cannot substitute
huge commercial fabric by even
the wisest rational theoretical
scheme that has not been tried and
tested from the mud-sills up through
every span and cross-beam."

Mr. Fletcher's Trip.

On Tuesday last Mr. Joshua
Fletcher, president of the A.F.A.
returned from a trip through the
Gipps and Viking settlements. He
took the C.N.R. from Edmonton to
Banff and from there across the
country to Killam and home by way
of Wetaskiwin.
In the Gipps settlement the farm-
ers are chiefly Canadians and

Americans and maintain a very good
local organization of the A.F.A.
Their meeting was held in the
schoolhouse on Saturday afternoon.
After an address by the visiting
president the secretary, Mr. James
Pickering set vigorously to work to
increase the membership so that a
representative could be sent to the
convention.

The leading men in the Scandina-
vian settlement at Viking are en-
thusiastic in their support of the
policy of the A.F.A. They aim to
make their settlement a dairy
centre. Many of these men have
long experience in handling dairy
cattle in adjoining States.

Another year will see that great
country both to the north and to
the south of the G.T.P., one of the
strong holds of the Alberta Farmers'
Association. At several points along
the Wetaskiwin branch locals will
be started in the near future.

Railways and Excursion Rates.

A reader writes:
"The railway companies, as in
past years, offer a special rate from
Edmonton to the East and return,
available for going during the
month of December, and many of
our citizens are taking advantage
of it. The experience of many who
went East last year, however, was
that winter was not a very desirable
time to travel, and those who were
stomach-stayed on their return jour-
ney are not likely to repeat the ex-
periment this year. And while the
idea of getting back to the old home
for Christmas proves a strong at-
traction to many, yet to those who
have enjoyed a real Sunny Alberta
Winter, a stormy, gloomy winter in
Ontario or Quebec or any part of
Eastern Canada offers few attrac-
tions.

If anyone wants to visit the East
for pleasure, or to see it at its best,
the proper time to go is the latter
part of May or the beginning of
June. Travel is then fairly pleasant,
the lake route is available to break
the long railroad journey, and there
is something to see and enjoy in the
East.

An effort should be made to induce
the railway companies to give special
rates say from the 20th of May or
the 1st of June. If we are to have
any inducement to travel it should be
given when travel is pleasant and
when the East is at its best.

The concession made still leaves
the trip an expensive one. It is to be
hoped that the companies will see
that if they wish to encourage holi-
day travel they must give cheap
holiday rates and make time avail-
able at a season when a holiday has
some attractions."

A Canadian Club has been formed
at Camrose with Mr. Frank Pike
president and Mr. F. L. Farley secre-
tary.

The Bank of Montreal has opened
a branch at Magrath.

Dr. Boulanger's Departure.

Dr. Boulanger, one of the most
popular and energetic residents of
Athabasca Landing and the first
president of the Liberal Association
of that town has moved to Lesser
Slave Lake, much to the regret of
everyone at the gateway to the
north. "Max Delant" has been
moved by the event to contribute
the following lines to The Saturday
News:

No noble Doe, why art thou going,
Stay a little longer pray.
Even though we are so healthy
You might kill us ere long—stay

"Twas you who started things a-
moving,
Founded an Association
Shook the ends of all Creation
Downed the Landing's famous
King.

Turn your thoughts O Joe Boul-
anger
Leave the politics alone
They but travel in a circle,
When one side's up the other's
King.

Follow up your own profession,
Doing good where'er you can;
And when you pass you'll hear folks
saying:
There goes Joe the Medicine man.

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THEIR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

(By Madeline Bridges.)
What, oh what shall he give to her
As a sweet Christmas grace?
Chain, or bracelet, or silk, or fur,
Ribbons or lace?
A belt, a buckle, a diary?
A clashing dish?
A rose-jar? Even for a rosary
He had heard her wish.
Handkerchiefs? Perfumes? A tray
For pins?
A giraffe, A fan?
(Ah, now, indeed, he feels for his
sins
He is merely man!)

Flowers? Candy? An opera hood?
A terrier small?
Hopeless he thinks, if he only could,
He would give them ALL.

For wherever he looks, his eyes
are set
On something she'd love to have
or get!

What, oh what can she give to him?
As she cast about
She fears the chances are rather dim
Of her finding out
He smokes just one kind of cigar,
There's obstacle first!

Pipes not any another bar!
If she only durst
Buy him neckties or slippers! Those
Girls can never choose!

And an umbrella, too well she
knows,
He'll proceed to lose:
For silken pillows he nothing
cares—

Books are a bore;
A hanging jacket he never wears;
Well—there's nothing more;
And then she learns, it is then she
can,
How simple and few are the needs
of man!

When the stores start to keep open
on an evening, and Santa Claus—
how many of them there he!—
commence to go a-mustering, and be-
playing of themselves in shop
windows; when small boys rise up early
in the morning and even undertake
to dress themselves and hustle off
to flatten their little snub noses
against the panes that look into
Toyland; when we girls brush
against me in the twilight laden
down with queer looking bundles—
I leave the worries and perplexities
of the desk and household, and scurry
off downtown to try and capture for
the boy-mageth time the spirit of
Christmas.

I am not present-hunting, you under-
stand, but bound on a search for
a something that I have never yet
been able to define, and say
"this is it," this day we call
"Christmas," this festival, this birth
of hope of a glorious hereafter.
Rather am I looking, how earnestly,
for that something that I see back
of all the faces I meet; back of
the bubbling brimming over joy of
the children, back of the plum pud-
dings and merry-makings, the
essence of Christmas and Santa and
love.

Someone told me that I shouldn't
find it this year, that poverty, and
trouble and anxiety had driven it
away, and that only a ghost walked
in its place, an unreal thing that
simulated peace and joy and good-
will to men, but was in reality a
fraud, a pretense.

But oh you cannot undo that
night in Bethlehem nineteen hun-
dred years ago, you cannot muffle
the joy-bells that have pealed out
the story to struggling mankind
ever since, you cannot unwrite the
Christmas Carol—Christmas is
Christmas—hard times or good, and
love if less free-handed when the
world grows nearer the door, is still
love.

And if this Christmas I noticed
that where last year people spent
their money recklessly they now
went fortune hunting in little silk
pockets of considerably lesser
purses, and counted out the dimes
and quarters more thoughtfully, I
open to feeling that I was conscious
of more love going to the purchas-
ing of the remembrances. It was as
if the man who last year said
"Dearest I am sending you these
diamonds, times are very good with
me," to-day would write: "My
dear, you must accept this little
book, with a world of love, to make
up for its intrinsic lack." And what
girl, wife or mother but he ever
forgot to bring just what your
partner to him at Christmas had asked
for?

Down street you see the boys point
of view, a great many shop win-
dows may yawn empty some birds
of passage who last year made a
wide spreading of blackboards and
so-called bargains, may be missing,
but the boys are all here, and Ed-
monton is just as fine a place to live
in as it ever was.

Just as good, gastring, the same
old Santos, Mother just as mysteri-

ous about cupboards as ever. You
real shouldn't try to fool a fellow
at Christmas.

And so the Christmas of 1907 is
very much as others if you don't
believe it listen to your children
maintaining it, go down town and
see some of the fun.

I was wondering yesterday what
some of the new books would be tel-
ling us about the merry season, and
what all the smart up-to-date writ-
ers were adding to the general
cheer. Turning over a number of
attractive looking covers I was sur-
prised to find that they mostly dealt
in cynicism "cynic's calendars,"
etc. Now when did cynicism
ever get mixed up with peace
and good will and merry mak-
ing since Scrooge made an eternal
good bye to it in the never-to-be
forgotten Carol?

Handling the books you wonder
what people buy the bulk of the
high-priced rubbish on sale. Vol-
umes that have not one little claim
to distinction or interest saving only
their so-called smart bindings. Yet
there they are piled mountains high
and some one, some deluded mortal
must purchase them.

Of course if you have any imagi-
nation you can picture the whole
transaction.

Man in a big hurry. "Yes, I want
to purchase a book for my sister.
Something attractive, you know—
oh, I don't mind the price; that
book's good, nice illustrations, eh?
I'll take it," and before you know
it the purchase is in his pocket and
so the profits of the up-to-date fic-
tion to authors and publishers are
swept.

But the man isn't the only idiot.
Follow me to the notion shop and
watch some of us poor deluded
women spending our modest pen-
ce on the most ridiculous and ab-
surdly fail to pieces before you get
them home. At Christmas I verily
believe we are one and all shopping
mad. We purchase the most mon-
strous atrocities, and delude our-
selves into pronouncing them "bar-
gains, dears, very loves of presents."

I never think of this phase of
Christmas but I smile reminiscently
over a certain adorable parson I
know who on one memorable Christ-
mas bought his wife a locket.

A locket! can you see it? a very
brass plate of a photo frame,
resplendent with jewels—oh the
number and size of them! which he
presented to "her" as a surprise on
the eventful morning.

Did he fail in his object? Ne-ver-
that dear girl was simply swept
off her feet. Indeed, as she after-
wards confided to me, she was
was she, that she forgot to put it
on and kept forgetting—except on
Christmas anniversaries, when
"Bess, dear, where's the locket I gave
you that Christmas" never failed to
produce the armour which was
worn with much state for the day.

When I say we shrieked over the
gift I have no thought of forget-
ting that we usually ended up with
tears in our eyes. Blessed, loving,
surprising parson, what jewel of
finest earl and gems of purest
serene would your ringing bells
ever prize as she does that bit of
the goldsmith's ambitious design,
that lies deep buried in much cotton
wool between the festives?

But if the eyes of young love are
blind the eyes behind the spectacles
of loving old mothers, aunts and
other wise women are sharp with
tender affection, and Christmas
morning if you unearth from your
steeking good warm sensible socks,
but the same mothering, careful love
irradiating the faces behind the
It is the season of good-will and it
finds expression in a thousand varied
ways.

But did I, on my still blind find my
golden fleece? the Christmas spirit,
Yes, and yes, and yes again. An old
bachelor showed it me when I saw
him hustling a bunch of long-ey-
ed children into a taffy-shop and
"stand treat" to the young "un-
knowns" all around.

I saw it in "Pesty's" face this
morning when he passed laden
down with bundles and boxes, on his
long cold rounds.

It lies about me in a dozen calen-
dars glancing back my tradesman's
greetings, "John" brought it with
some Chinese lilies and the weekly
wash. I see it in saddened, grief-
stricken faces, not the joy of the
merry season but the tender hope of
it.

Such inanimate objects as turkeys
and great bulging puddings shout it
at me, but mostly I find it in
my own heart as you will in yours,
if you will but look. In your kind-
lier feelings to the whole world, in
your meditations on old and dear
and never-to-be-forgotten associa-
tions, in your love for little children
at this season, heirloom of that
adoration of the Babe in the manger,
by the memory of a joy you have not
been but would be.

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HOME AND SOCIETY

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For you, for you, I pause and con-
A Stander-By!

I take the following from the Medicine Hat Times: "Mrs. Waldeck entertained on Tuesday afternoon of last week from 4 to 7, in honor of Mrs. Platt. Mrs. Waldeck received at the entrance to the drawing room, looking exceedingly well in a black dress with transparent yoke. Mrs. Platt wore white with touches of Dresden ribbon and carried an American Beauty rose. It was a library party. Mrs. Hooper won the first prize, 'The Fruit of the Tree,' and Mrs. Nicholls the second, 'The Weavers.' The young ladies assisting were Miss. Pingle, Miss McCallum, Miss Wood and Miss Krauss. On Wednesday Mrs. Waldeck again opened her house, this time entertaining her guests with 'Celebrities.' On this occasion Mrs. Smith carried off first prize, a vase, and Mrs. Grant, second, a topaz hat pin.

Mrs. Platt left to-day for a lengthy visit to her sister, Mrs. Lorne McGibbon. Mrs. Platt will be present at Miss Sovereign's wedding which takes place very soon. Miss Sovereign made many friends in Medicine Hat last fall."

The Wetaskiwin Post says: "The Wetaskiwin Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. P. Bearisto on Saturday afternoon. The prize was a beautiful piece of Vienna China and was won by Mrs. H. I. Miller. The members present were, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. E. A. Bailey, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Henswood, Mrs. McManus, Mrs. Montgomery, D. L. S., Rubbra, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. West. The absent members were, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Compton. Mrs. Somerville, of Edmonton, Mrs. Miller's friend, Miss Morson, and Miss Troy McGregor took the places of the absent ones."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armitage Perkins of Barrie announce the engagement of their only daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. Morrison Parsons Bridgman, B.A., D.L.S., of Calgary, Alberta. The marriage is to take place quietly early in the year.

Mrs. R. J. Stuart was the hostess at a very enjoyable tea in Calgary on Thursday of last week, at her home on West Fourteenth avenue, the occasion being Miss Lillian's formal introduction to the social world.

At one of the regular assemblies held in Calgary last week Mrs. Hyllock, Mrs. Loughheed and Mrs. Clark were the hostesses. Miss Mildred Kerr and Miss Lillian Stuart made their debut on this occasion.

Mrs. J. H. Woods entertained at her home in Calgary one afternoon last week in honor of Mrs. McMurrich, Mrs. James Biggar's mother, who was passing through on her return to Toronto.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the Church of the Redeemer was the scene of the wedding of Miss Jessie M. Morice, Calgary, daughter of the late Major Morice, of the N.W.M.P., to Mr. Narcisse B. Ganoreen, C.E., of New Westminster, B.C., the Very Reverend Dean Facet officiating. The bride entered the church escorted by her brother, Mr. James Morice, barrister, of Winnipeg, who gave her away, and was followed by Mrs. Geo. A. Sharpe, who acted as matron of honor. Mr. Ganoreen, attended by his best man, Mr. Norman Macleod, awaited the bride at the altar.

"The Downfall of Beauty" is the title of an article by Marcel Prevost which everybody is talking about on the boulevards, in the cafes, and in the fashionable resorts of Paris. Paris being considered the head-

quarters of beauty, Parisians are astonished when M. Prevost, the gifted novelist and essayist, tells them that pure physical beauty unadorned, no longer exists in Paris—or at least is not admired with the enthusiasm of other days. Classical beauty is no longer woman's chief adornment. Dress is the supreme aim of the Parisienne, who does not care whether she is plain or pretty so long as she is elegant.

There is no longer that worship of beauty which existed a hundred or even fifty years ago. No Mme. Recamier, no Lady Hamilton, no Mme. de Castiglione receive the homage of the gallants; the flynasty of Queens of Beauty has died out. Elegance and intelligence are now the lures by which women attract their admirers.

With the great advance in the art of adornment and in "feminism," woman no longer needs to be beautiful, says Marcel Prevost, because artificial elegance, wit and conversation are her attractions. It being easier to acquire the art of conversation than a classical beauty of face—if that can ever be attained even in the beauty institutes—the present disposition to award the palm to intelligent and attractive plainness rather than to witless physical perfection is eminently suited to the great bulk of the feminine world.

With the advance of democracy in France, women have become democratic in their charms, and the regime of despotic, imperial beauty is over.

Even the artists have joined in a conspiracy against beauty. At the Salon there is scarcely an example of radiant loveliness in woman. There is the "interesting" face but the interesting face is very rarely pretty. Moreover modern corsets and costumes have destroyed the classical symmetry of line in the female figures.

The lady patronesses for the Edmonton Golf Club "at home" to be held in Kennie's hall on the 27th December are: Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Bishopric, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Jellett, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Pardee, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs. Turnbull.

Mrs. Seoble was the hostess of a charming little luncheon of eight covers on Wednesday, when great golden mums, dainty place cards hid with yellow gold ribbons, and fastened with a leaf spray, made a pretty setting for the merry party who sat down to luncheon. Those present included Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. Braithwaite, and Mrs. Dawson.

Peggy

Sunny Alberta.

Didsbury passed a by-law to establish a public library.

A correspondent from Strathmore writes: "Seventy-seven years ago on the 29th of November, the Poles rose against the Russian tyranny, being then under their so called protection. This revolution lasted two years, and over 15,000 of the flower of Poland fell on the field of battle fighting for their liberty. The anniversary was suitably observed by the Polish colonists at Krakow.

Joe Sadowski was elected chairman for the occasion and Stanislas Bukowski, secretary. L. W. Beal, representative of the Canadian Pacific Irrigation and Colonization Co., gave an interesting historical speech of the revolution in English and Polish.

Miss V. Sadowski and M. Sadowski recited and sang patriotic songs. Mr. Piets Mazur recited "The Death of a Soldier on the Battlefield." P. G. Owen gave a speech on the present conditions of Strathmore."

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Hill—At Stratheona, Alta. on Friday, Nov. 20th to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hill, a daughter.

Stanton—To Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stanton, at Stratheona, Alta., on Dec. 11th, a daughter.

Pye—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Pye, of Horn Hill, on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, a daughter.

Marshall—On Saturday, Dec. 14th, to the wife of Duncan Marshall, a son.

MARRIED.

Hives-Carswell—On Dec. 4th, Arthur Hives, of Penhold, to Olive, daughter of John A. Carswell, Red Deer.

Till-Gould—At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 11th inst., by Rev. J. E. Hogg, Miss Lottie E. Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Gould, to Robt. H. Till, D.D.S., of Edmonton.

Englund-Markham—By Rev. Edson E. Marshall, at the McDougall church Parsonage, at 3 o'clock, Dec. 16, Gahard Theodore Englund to Blanche Anna Markham, both of Edmonton.

DIED.

Caldwell—Sunday at the family residence Fraser Avenue, Edmonton, Robert Caldwell, in his 23rd year.



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